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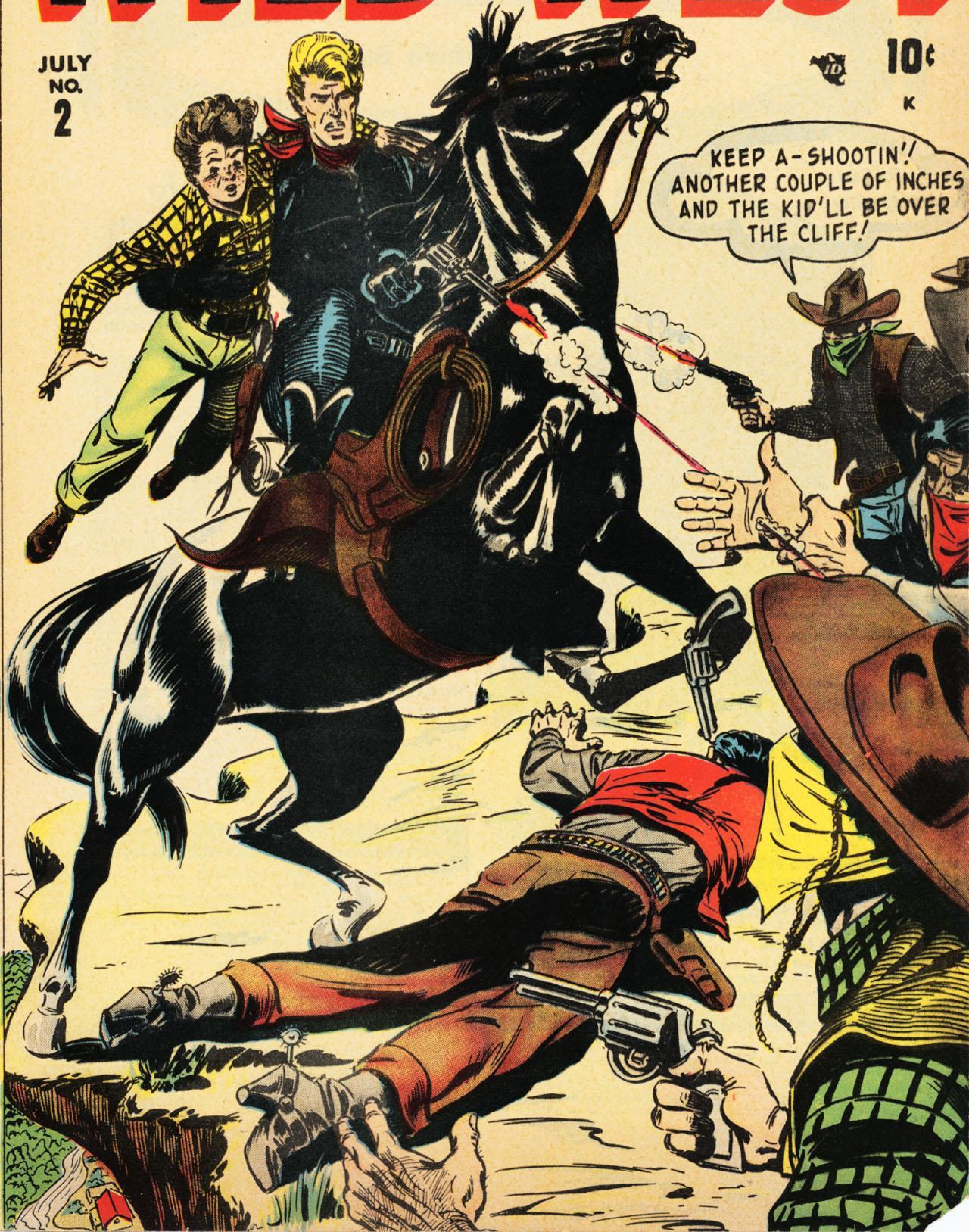
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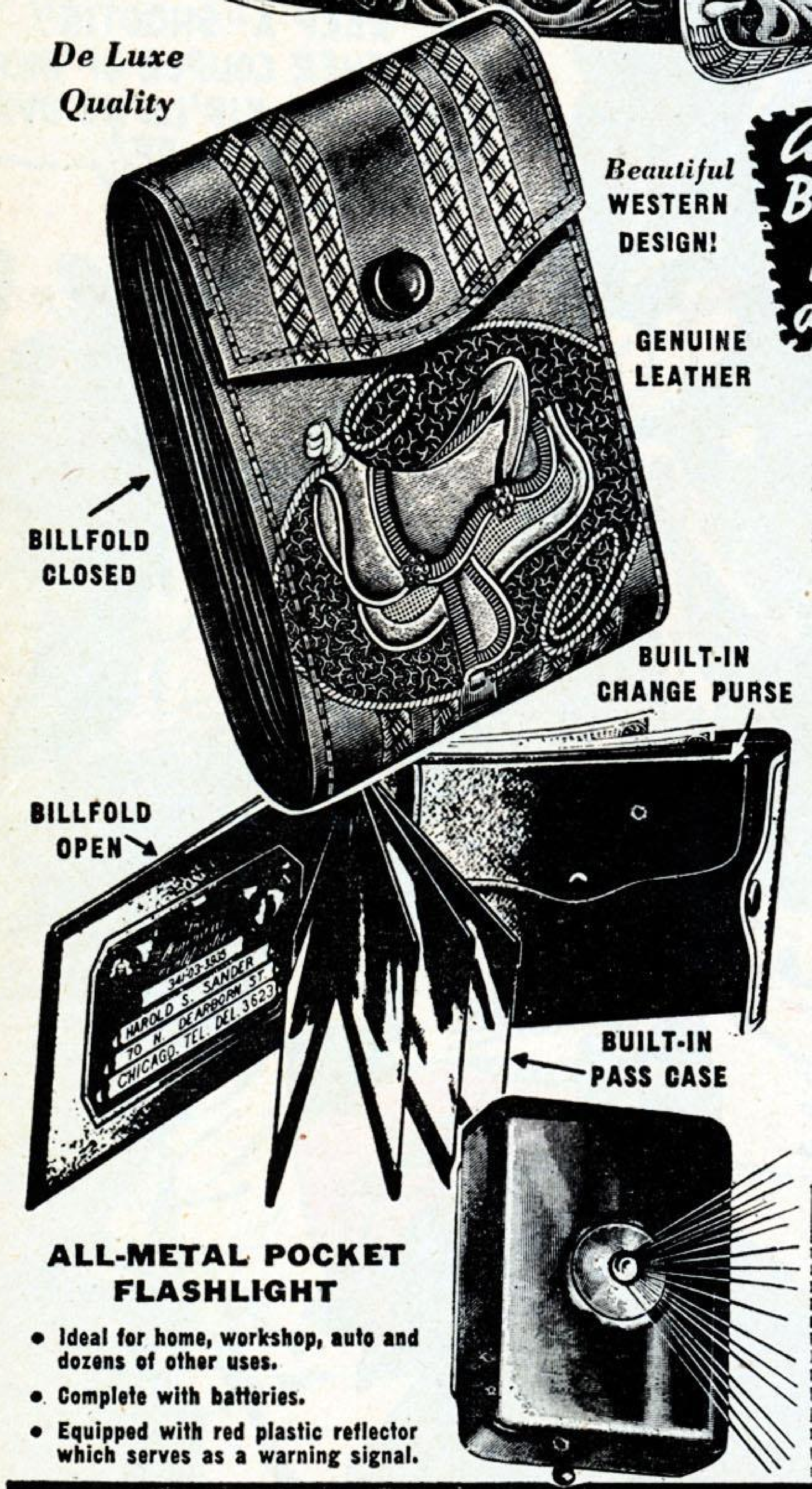

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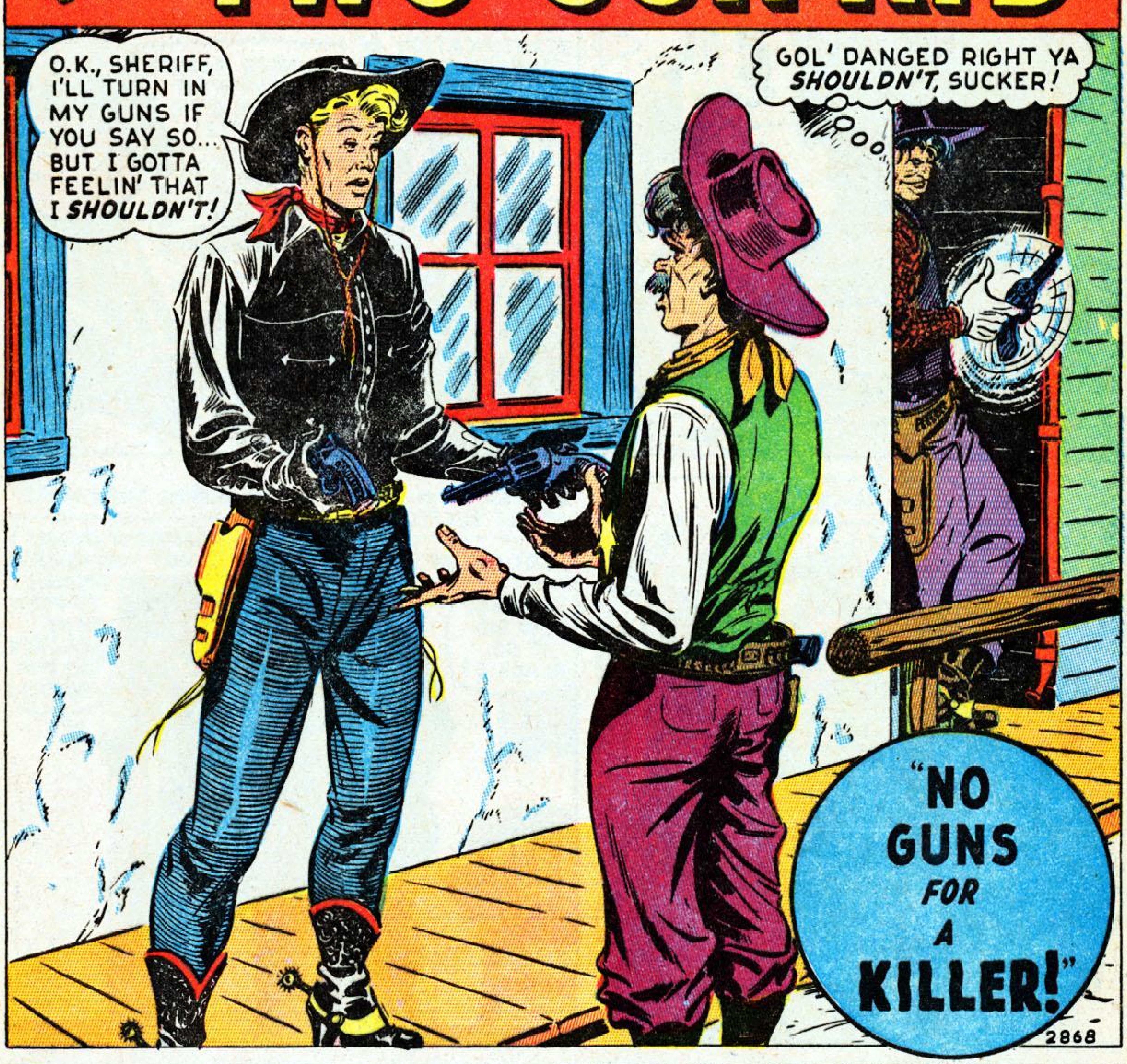
THE TWO-GUN KID


O.K., SHERIFF, I'LL TURN IN MY GUNS IF YOU SAY SO... BUT I GOTTA FEELIN' THAT I *SHOULDN'T*!
GOL' DANGED RIGHT YA *SHOULDN'T*, SUCKER!
"NO GUNS FOR A KILLER!"
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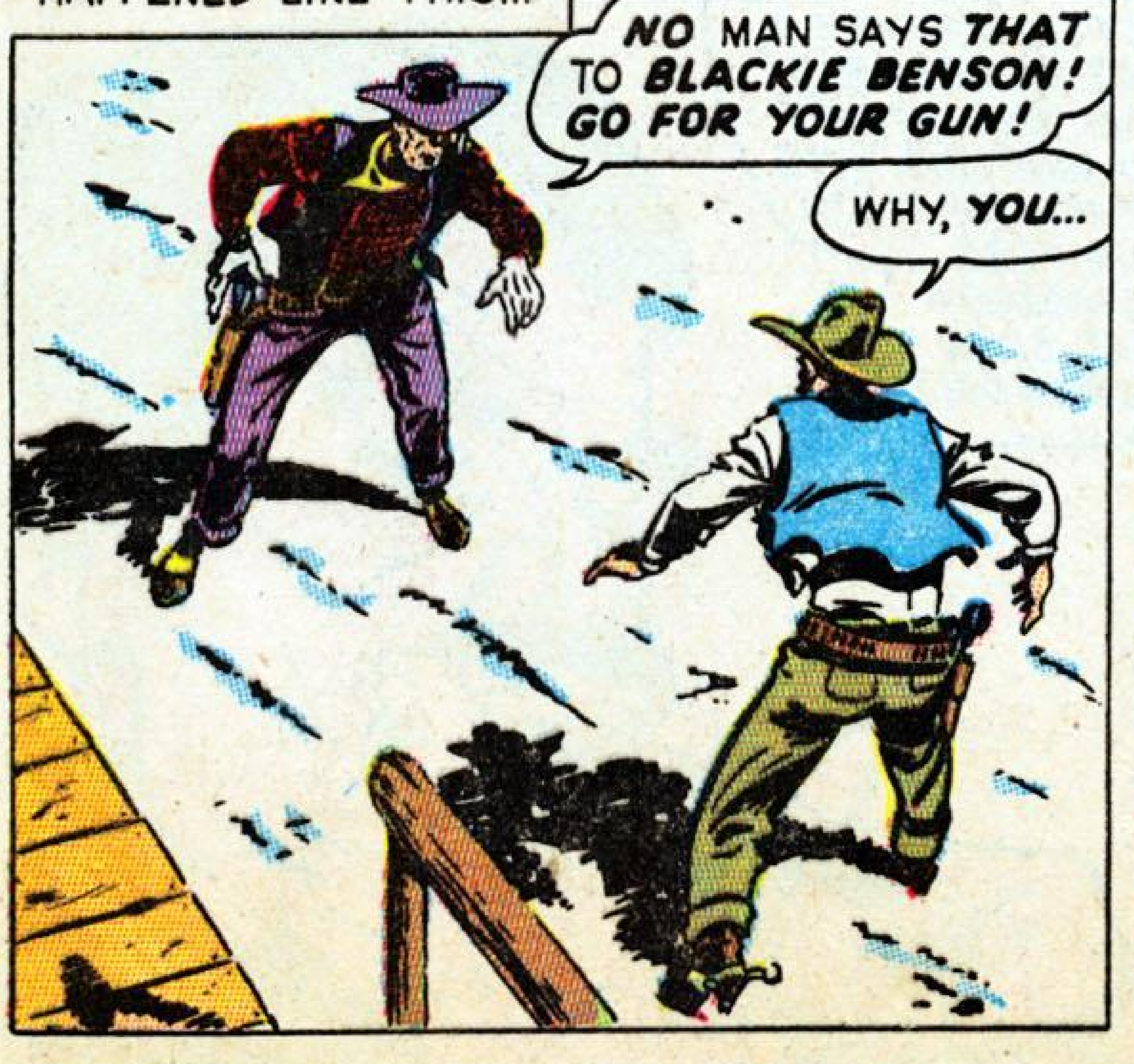
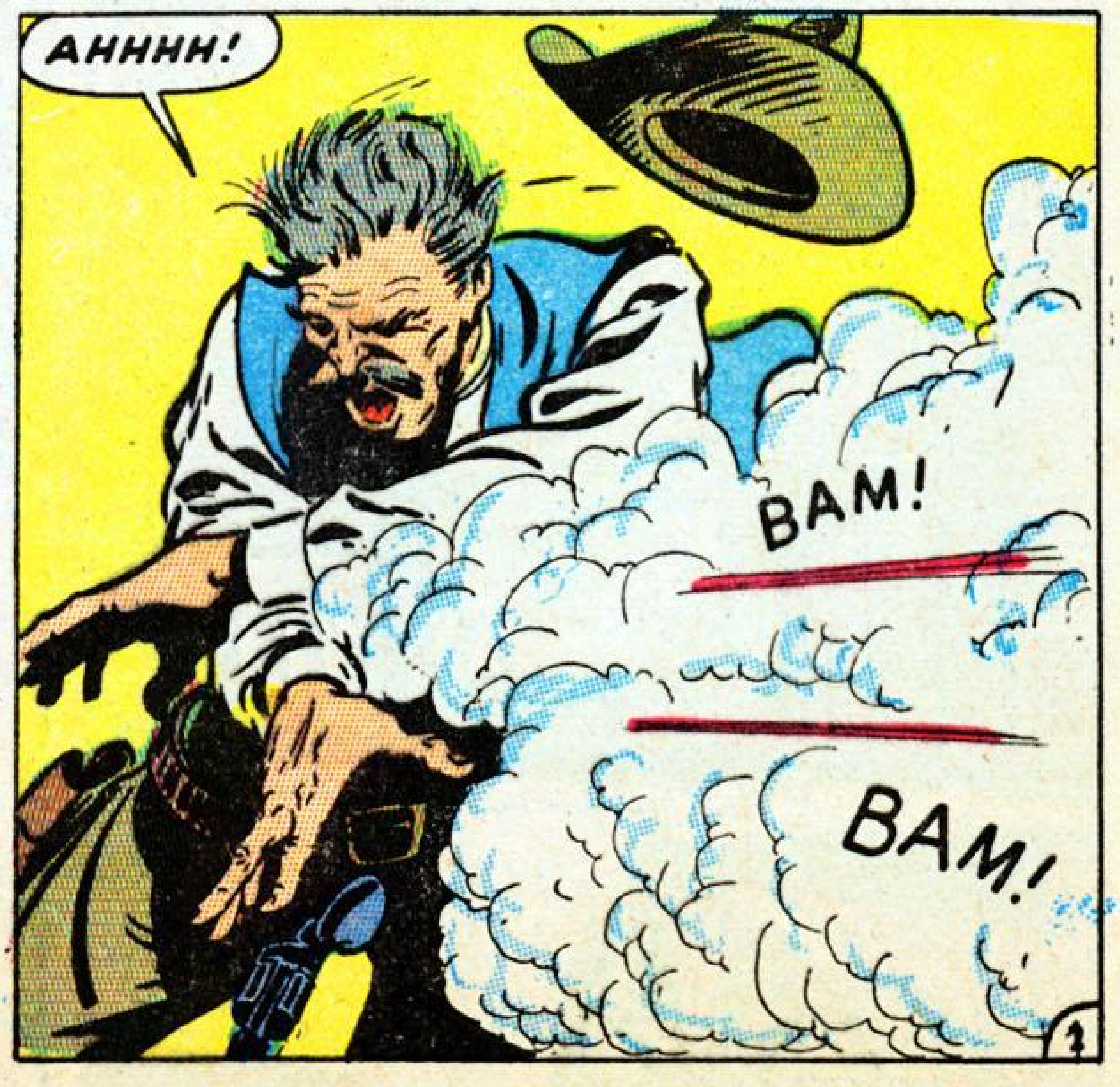
THE SHERIFF DIED ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON! IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS...


NO MAN SAYS *THAT* TO *BLACKIE BENSON*! GO FOR YOUR GUN!
WHY, *YOU*...


AHHHH!
BAM!
BAM!
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I RECKON TROUBLE CITY WILL NEED A *NEW* LAWMAN! ONE THAT *AIN'T* SO FREE ABOUT *SHOOTIN' OFF HIS MOUTH!*
IN THE OFFICES OF TROUBLE CITY'S LEADING CITIZEN—MR. JOHN ANGELL...
MR. ANGELL! I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF TOMBSTONES!
ALWAYS PLEASED TO DO *ANYTHING* FOR OUR FAIR CITY, MRS. THRUTTLE!
GOOD-BYE! *DO* COME AGAIN!
TEE HEE! THAT'S *NICE* OF YOU TO SAY! BUT I KNOW YOU'RE SUCH A *BUSY* MAN!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
INDEED, JOHN ANGELL IS FAR BUSIER THAN MOST PEOPLE SUSPECT...
I GOT *RID* OF THAT OLD *TURKEY!* HOW DID IT GO, BLACKIE?
HE'S *DEADER'N DEAD!* GOT HIM *MAD* ENOUGH TO DRAW ON ME, AND THEN CUT HIM DOWN!
THAT'S *ONE* SHERIFF WHO *WON'T* BLAB WHAT HE FOUND OUT ABOUT YOU!
GOOD! IT *WOULDN'T* DO FOR OUR TOWNSPEOPLE TO SUSPECT THAT *I'M* LEADER OF THE CRIME RING THAT OPERATES OUT OF TROUBLE CITY!
JOHN ANGELL
REAL ESTATE BROKER LOANS
CAFE
THAT MAKES *FOUR* SHERIFFS KILLED IN THE PAST YEAR! WE'VE GOTTA APPOINT A NICE *PEACEABLE* MAN WHO *WON'T* GO MESSING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS... SOMEBODY LIKE *SAM CLAYTON!*

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
I'VE GOT TWO GUNS THAT BARK AND ROAR, I'VE GOT TWO GUNS, BUT WISH I HAD FOUR!
TROUBLE CITY
ELEVATION
CAFE
WHOAAA! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, SHERIFF?
I...UH... MUST ASK YOU TO TURN OVER YOUR GUNS TO ME!
IT'S...ER... A NEW RULING IN THIS TOWN! I ONLY BECAME SHERIFF A FEW DAYS AGO, AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD AVOID TROUBLE!
I ALWAYS AIM TO OBLIGE THE LAW, SHERIFF!
BUT I SURE HATE TO PART WITH THESE! RECKON I'LL FEEL PLUMB UNDRESSED!
WH- WHAT'S THAT?
BANG! BANG! BANG!
STOP THEM! THEY'VE ROBBED THE VAULTS!
WELLS FARGO
EXCUSE ME, SHERIFF! 'PEARS I'LL HAVE SOME USE FOR THESE SIX-GUNS!
OHH!

JUMPIN' CACTUS! SOMEBODY **SHOT** MY HORSE LOOSE FROM THE HITCHING POST!
NOBODY IN THE WORLD CAN SHOOT LIKE ***THAT,*** EXCEPT...
YOU GUESSED IT, PARDNER!
YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE ***TWO-GUN KID!***
WHY, YOU... ***OOOF!***
CRACK!
HERE'S **ONE** OF YOUR BANDITS! HE'S ALL TUCKERED OUT!
I'M ***SURE*** GRATEFUL TO YOU, KID! DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU BEFORE...
BUT THAT'S ALL THE ***MORE*** REASON I SHOULD ASK YOU FOR ***YOUR*** GUNS! I KNOW ***YOUR REPUTATION!*** AND THERE ***WON'T*** BE ANY KILLING AROUND HERE WHILE I, SAM CLAYTON, AM SHERIFF!
WELL, I'LL BE DOGGONED!
YOU WIN, SHERIFF CLAYTON! I HOPE FOR **BOTH** OUR SAKES THAT YOU'RE **NOT** MAKIN' A ***TERRIBLE*** MISTAKE!

A FEW HOURS LATER...
ANYONE SEE YOU COME IN THE BACK WAY, BLACKIE?
NOT A CHANCE! RECKON YOU HEARD THE NEWS, BOSS! *THE TWO-GUN KID* HELPED THE SHERIFF *CAPTURE* ONE OF OUR BOYS!
IT'S DALE FROMAN! HE *KNOWS* ABOUT YOU, BOSS, AND HE'LL *TALK* IF WE DON'T RESCUE HIM!
DON'T GET PANICKY! IF WE RESCUE FROMAN, HE'LL BE A *MARKED* MAN! NO USE TO US IN *THIS* TOWN!
BUT THERE'S ONE *OTHER* WAY TO MAKE CERTAIN FROMAN *DOESN'T* TALK!
YOU'RE A *COOL* ONE, BOSS! FROMAN *WON'T* BOTHER US! JUST *LEAVE* HIM TO BLACKIE BENSON!
LATER, AT THE TOWN JAIL...
DON'T BREAK YOUR KNUCKLES, MISTER! I'M COMIN'!
KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!
WHA...?
DON'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH TO YELL, SHERIFF, OR I'LL PUT A *BULLET* THROUGH YOUR MIDDLE!
THERE! SOMEBODY'LL BE ALONG TO FREE YOU EVENTUALLY!
MMMFFFF!
I WAS WONDERIN' WHEN *SOMEBODY'D* SHOW UP! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
BE PATIENT, FROMAN!

I'M LETTING YOU OUT— PERMANENTLY!
BLACKIE! NO! NO!
AT THIS MOMENT...
WE'RE SHAKING THE DUST OF THIS TOWN FROM OUR HEELS, CYCLONE! BUT FIRST I'VE GOTTA GET MY GUNS BACK FROM... HEY!
BANG!
THAT WAS A SHOT!
AND I'LL BET YOU WERE THE BOY BEHIND THE GUN!
OOOOF!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR ME TO BE PACKING EMPTY HOLSTERS!
BUT SINCE I AM, I DON'T AIM TO HAVE ANY SHOOTING!
OW!

DID I HEAR YOU RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS?
GLUBBB!
WHAM!
HELLO, SHERIFF! I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THERE JEST AS SOON AS I PARK THIS HEAP IN A CELL!
MOMENTS LATER...
SO THAT'S WHY BLACKIE BENSON FORCED HIS WAY IN HERE!
QUEER—KILLING A MAN ALREADY IN JAIL! UNLESS HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE POOR FELLOW WOULDN'T TALK!
THAT'S WHY HE DID IT! THE SAME THING MAY HAPPEN TO BLACKIE BENSON, IF I DON'T TRY TO PREVENT IT! HERE'S YOUR GUNS, KID!
THANKS! WHAT YOU FIGGERING TO DO?
I'M MOVING THE PRISONER OUT OF TROUBLE CITY BY STAGECOACH! HE'LL LIVE TO GET A TRIAL SOMEWHERES ELSE! I DON'T WANT ANY MORE KILLINGS!
MISTER SHERIFF, YOU'RE A CHANGED MAN! YOU SURE ARE!
AS DAWN LIGHTENS THE SKIES...
I JUST HEARD THAT SHERIFF CLAYTON IS MOVING BLACKIE BENSON BY STAGECOACH IN HALF AN HOUR!
YOU WANT US TO SEE THAT BLACKIE DOESN'T GET FAR OUT OF TROUBLE CITY—IS THAT IT, BOSS?
BLACKIE WAS A GOOD BOY! TOO BAD HE GOT CAUGHT! BUT NOW HE'S A DANGER TO US ALL... UNLESS WE GET RID OF HIM! THAT STAGECOACH HAS GOT TO BE STOPPED!

LATER, AS THE STAGECOACH RACES 12 MILES OUTSIDE OF TROUBLE CITY...
HERE THEY COME!
I WARNED YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN! THE BOSS WOULDN'T LET ME GO TO JAIL!
I GOT ONE!
I THOUGHT SO! THEY DROPPED THE DRIVER! THE COACH IS RUNNING WILD!
WHOAAAAA!
BLACKIE!
HOWDY, BOYS! HERE I AM!
THANKS FOR TELLING US! HAW-HAW! SO LONG, BLACKIE!
BAM! BAM!
SCRATCH GRAVEL, MEN!
HERE'S A FAREWELL PRESENT!

NICE SHOOTIN', KID! I GOT THE LAST OF 'EM!
SHERIFF! YOU'RE **HURT!**
IT'S **NOTHIN'** BUT A FLESH WOUND! Y' KNOW, I WAS ALWAYS AFEARED OF BEING **HURT!** BUT I **AIN'T** SCARED ANYMORE...
WE'LL GET YOU TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY!
THE DIRTY... DOUBLE-CROSSER! HE... TOLD 'EM **TO GUN ME!** JUST LIKE **I**... DID... TO DALE FROMAN!
GIDDYAP!
SMOKIN' SIX-GUNS! IT'S **BLACKIE BENSON!** HE'S **STILL ALIVE!**
HE'S HEADING BACK INTO TROUBLE CITY!
TWEEEEET!
CYCLONE'S **NEVER** FAR AWAY FROM ME! HE FOLLOWED THE COACH... AND NOW I'M GLAD HE DID!
LET'S GO, CYCLONE! WE'RE IN A HURRY!

IN JOHN ANGELL'S OFFICE...
THE BOYS OUGHTTA BE BACK WITH NEWS OF THE COACH BY NOW!
I'VE GOT NEWS... FOR YOU... BOSS! ALL YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO KNOW!
BLACKIE!
YOU'RE A SWEET, LITTLE CHARACTER! BUT THIS TIME YOUR MURDER... SCHEME... BACK-FIRED!
DOGGONE! I'M TOO LATE!
BANG!
BANG!
DROP THAT GUN, BLACKIE!
I SAW THE STAGECOACH PARKED OUTSIDE! YOU GOT HIM, BLACKIE! BUT WHY?
HE WAS... BOSS... OF GANG! DOUBLE-CROSSIN' LITTLE...
HE'S THROUGH! RECKON THIS SPELLS THE FINISH FOR THE MEN WHO CAUSED MOST OF THE TROUBLE IN TROUBLE CITY!
LATER...
I'D LIKE TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER TO SERVE AS DEPUTY! BUT I'VE GOT THE WANDERLUST, SHERIFF! BESIDES, I RECKON YOU CAN HANDLE ANYTHING THAT TURNS UP!
IT'LL TAKE A MIGHTY LONG TIME, I RECKON, BUT SOMEDAY I HOPE TO HANDLE THESE GUNS I'M PACKIN' HALF AS GOOD AS YOU CAN!
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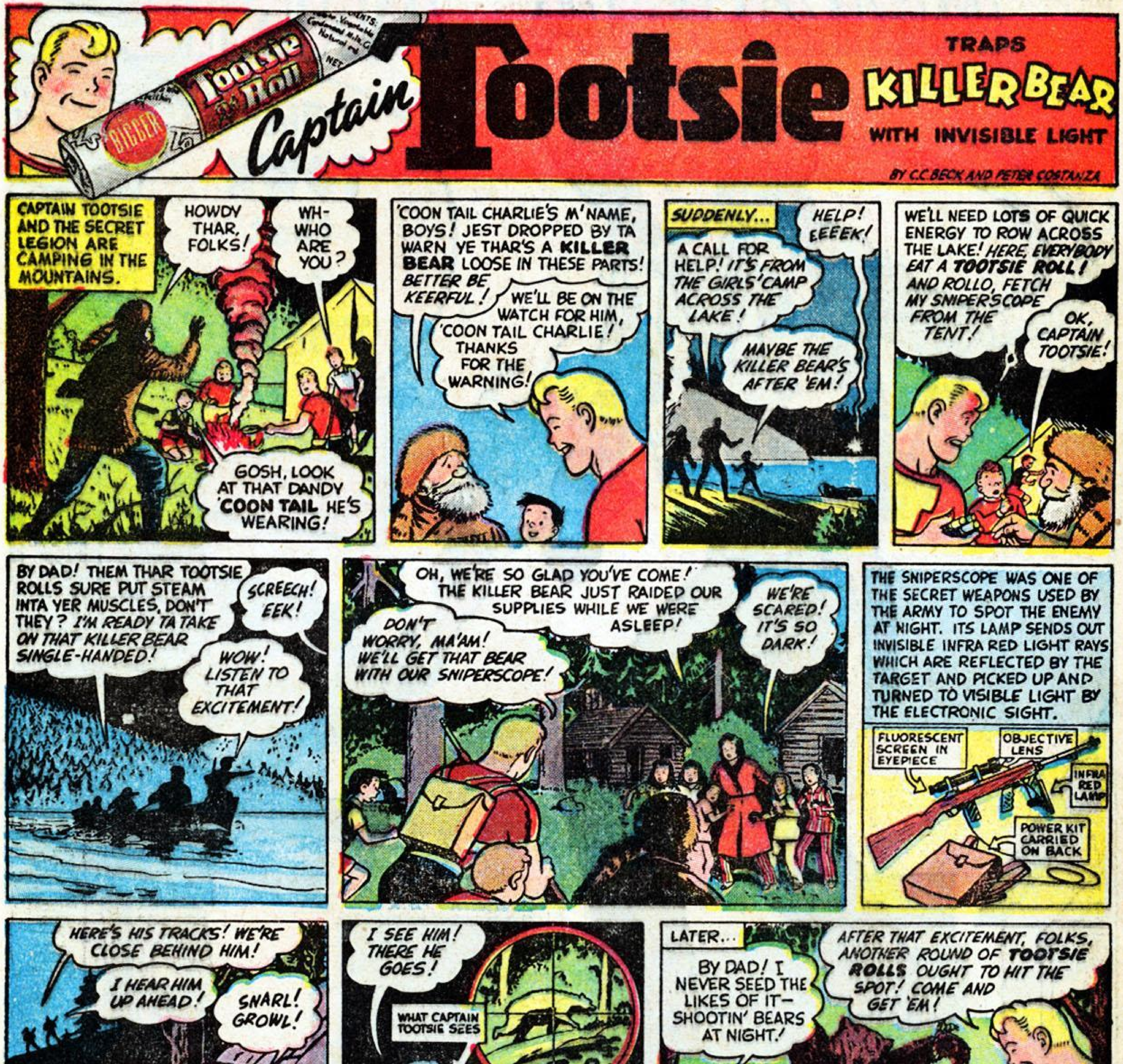
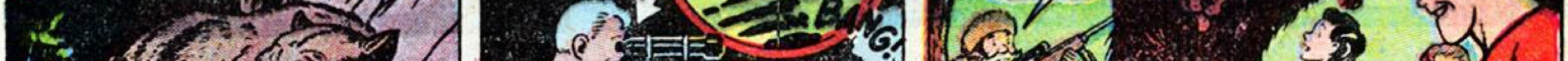
Captain Tootsie TRAPS KILLER BEAR WITH INVISIBLE LIGHT

BY C.C. BECK AND PETER COSTANZA


Tootsie Roll
BIGGER
CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND THE SECRET LEGION ARE CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS.
HOWDY THAR, FOLKS!
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
GOSH, LOOK AT THAT DANDY 'COON TAIL HE'S WEARING!
'COON TAIL CHARLIE'S M'NAME, BOYS! JEST DROPPED BY TA WARN YE THAR'S A KILLER BEAR LOOSE IN THESE PARTS! BETTER BE KEERFUL!
WE'LL BE ON THE WATCH FOR HIM, 'COON TAIL CHARLIE! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!
SUDDENLY...
HELP! EEEEK!
A CALL FOR HELP! IT'S FROM THE GIRLS' CAMP ACROSS THE LAKE!
MAYBE THE KILLER BEAR'S AFTER 'EM!
WE'LL NEED LOTS OF QUICK ENERGY TO ROW ACROSS THE LAKE! HERE, EVERYBODY EAT A TOOTSIE ROLL! AND ROLLO, FETCH MY SNIPERSCOPE FROM THE TENT!
OK, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
BY DAD! THEM THAR TOOTSIE ROLLS SURE PUT STEAM INTA YER MUSCLES, DON'T THEY? I'M READY TA TAKE ON THAT KILLER BEAR SINGLE-HANDED!
SCREECH! EEK!
WOW! LISTEN TO THAT EXCITEMENT!
OH, WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'VE COME! THE KILLER BEAR JUST RAIDED OUR SUPPLIES WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP!
DON'T WORRY, MA'AM! WE'LL GET THAT BEAR WITH OUR SNIPERSCOPE!
WE'RE SCARED! IT'S SO DARK!
THE SNIPERSCOPE WAS ONE OF THE SECRET WEAPONS USED BY THE ARMY TO SPOT THE ENEMY AT NIGHT. ITS LAMP SENDS OUT INVISIBLE INFRA RED LIGHT RAYS WHICH ARE REFLECTED BY THE TARGET AND PICKED UP AND TURNED TO VISIBLE LIGHT BY THE ELECTRONIC SIGHT.
FLUORESCENT SCREEN IN EYEPIECE
OBJECTIVE LENS
INFRA RED LAMP
POWER KIT CARRIED ON BACK
HERE'S HIS TRACKS! WE'RE CLOSE BEHIND HIM!
I HEAR HIM UP AHEAD!
SNARL! GROWL!
SNAP!
CRASH!
I SEE HIM! THERE HE GOES!
WHAT CAPTAIN TOOTSIE SEES
BANG!
LATER...
BY DAD! I NEVER SEED THE LIKES OF IT—SHOOTIN' BEARS AT NIGHT!
AFTER THAT EXCITEMENT, FOLKS, ANOTHER ROUND OF TOOTSIE ROLLS OUGHT TO HIT THE SPOT! COME AND GET 'EM!


'COON TAIL CHARLIE SAYS:
LOTS OF FUN, KIDS!
GET THIS GENUINE 'COON TAIL JUST LIKE I WEAR!
FOR ONLY 15¢
AND A TOOTSIE ROLL WRAPPER
SEND IN THE COUPON TODAY!

Gosh, you'll be some punkins when you get this handsome genuine 'coon tail for your own. What fun to wear it on your cap like 'Coon-Tail Charlie and other famous trappers and explorers. It's a great big fluffy tail of richly striped fur! Looks swell on your bike, wagon or scooter or hanging in your room. And girls, you'll love the smart swing of this beautiful fur tail fastened to your sweater or coat. Yours for only 15¢ and a Tootsie Roll wrapper. RUSH! Send for as many as you want, but quick—before they're gone! (Don't forget to send 15¢ and a wrapper for each 'coon tail.)

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I'll get a big kick out of that 'Coon Tail. I enclose 15¢ and a Tootsie Roll wrapper for each one. Rush today!

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A MAN OF BOLDNESS AND ENTERPRISE IS JOSIAH CLEEK...
I CAN SEE IT NOW, FOLKS! AN EARTHLY PARADISE RISING OUT OF THE DESERT! THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TOWN IN THE WORLD!
GOLLY!
STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS! BUY YOUR SHARE IN JOSIAH CLEEK'S ONE HUNDRED PERCENT GUARANTEED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT! LIVE IN THE HEAV'NLY BLISS OF — *STARLING WELLS!*

ARIZONA ANNIE AND HER BOYFRIEND, SLIM SMITH, PASS BY AT THAT MOMENT!
THAT'S THE FELLER I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT, ANNIE!
WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT OVER THERE, SLIM?
HIS NAME IS JOSIAH CLEEK! HE'S BUILDING A WONDERFUL NEW TOWN CALLED STARLING WELLS! IT'S WHERE I'M GONNA BUILD US A HOUSE SOMEDAY WHEN WE GET MARRIED!
DON'T START BUYING ANY WEDDING RINGS, SLIM!
I'M NOT READY TO SETTLE DOWN YET! SAY! I KNOW THAT FELLOW! HIS FACE WAS ON A REWARD POSTER I SAW IN LEAPING FALLS!
I RECKON I KNOW A SWINDLER WHEN I SEE ONE! YOU'RE GONNA GIVE THESE PEOPLE THEIR MONEY BACK, OR I'LL HORSEWHIP YOU!
MY DEAR WOMAN, THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!
I'LL SAY THERE IS! YOU CAN'T TREAT A PROMINENT MAN LIKE JOSIAH CLEEK THATAWAY!
HE'S A LOWDOWN CROOK AND VARMINT!
SHE'S CRAZY!
WHAT DOES A WOMAN KNOW ABOUT SUCH THINGS?
SO THAT'S HOW THE LAND LIES!
I'LL PROVE A WOMAN KNOWS AS MUCH, AND MORE, THAN ANY ORNERY MAN CRITTER!
ANNIE! COME BACK! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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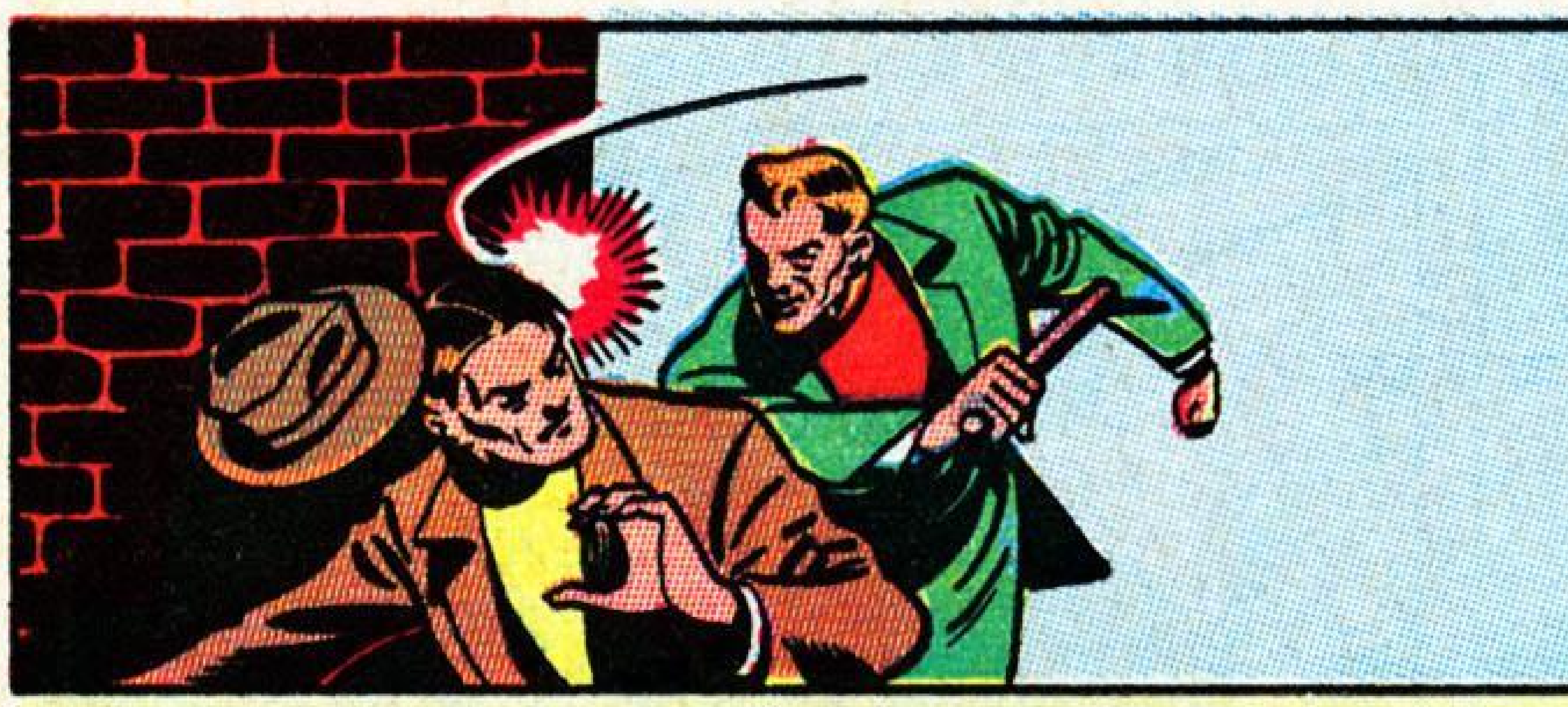
RECKON IT **WON'T** DO ANY GOOD TO FOLLER HER! WHEN ARIZONA ANNIE GETS A MAD ON AGAINST **MEN**, SHE DON'T MAKE **ANY** EXCEPTIONS!
DEAR FRIENDS, AS I WAS SAYING, BEFORE I WAS SO **RUDELY** INTERRUPTED...
AFTER TWO HOURS OF HARD RIDING...
SO ***THIS*** IS STARLING WELLS! IT **DOESN'T** LOOK MUCH LIKE A **DREAM TOWN**!
STARLI
WELLS
LATER...
HMMM! SOMEBODY'S RIDDEN OUT TO **INSPECT** THE PROPERTY! I'D BETTER MAKE THE NECESSARY **PREPARATIONS**!
JUST LIKE MEN, NOT EVEN TO CHECK UP ON WHAT THEY'RE BUYING! THEY **ALWAYS** FALL FOR A SMOOTH LINE OF TALK! THAT'S WHY WE WOMEN MAKE SUCH DANGED **FOOLS** OUT OF 'EM!
AS THIS TOWN'S **BANKER**, I'M HAPPY TO **INVEST** THE SAVINGS OF OUR CITIZENS IN YOUR **BEAUTIFUL** TOWN OF STARLING WELLS!
THANK YOU, SIR! AND HERE IS YOUR STOCK CERTIF...
EEEEEOOWWWWWWWW!
BANG!
THAT STOCK ***ISN'T WORTH*** THE BULLET I WASTED ON IT! YOUR **SWINDLE** IS ALL **PLAYED OUT**, JOSIAH CLEEK!
I AM GROSSLY ***INSULTED***! MY HONOR AND INTEGRITY HAVE AGAIN BEEN BROUGHT INTO **QUESTION**!

I DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION! LET EVERYONE SEE HOW WISELY I'M INVESTING THE MONEY RAISED FOR STARLING WELLS!
THAT SUITS ME FINE!
THE OLD FAKER! HE'S BLUFFING IT THROUGH TO THE END!
EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, A DELEGATION SETS OUT FOR THE STARLING WELLS DEVELOPMENT!
JOSIAH ACTS MIGHTY CONFIDENT, ANNIE! YOU SURE HE CAN'T PRODUCE THE GOODS?
STOP WORRYING, SLIM! THAT CROOK IS CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP!
THAT'S QUEER! I DIDN'T NOTICE THIS SIGN HERE YESTERDAY!
WELCOM -TO- STARLING WELLS!
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL A FEW "TUMBLE DOWN OLD SHACKS"?
OF COURSE, THE COMMUNITY ISN'T FINISHED! THE PLAYGROUNDS AND STREETS AREN'T COMPLETED YET!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, MR. CLEEK! I NEVER SAW THE LIKE IN ALL MY BORNED LIFE!
AND SHE SAID JOSIAH CLEEK WAS A FAKER! HAW-HAW-HAW!
I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
LOOK, ANNIE, JUST SAY THE WORD AND I'LL MAKE 'EM STOP LAUGHING! IT'S A MAN'S PLACE TO DEFEND A WOMAN!
I WON'T BE TREATED LIKE A HELPLESS FEMALE! HUSH! I'M TRYIN' TO THINK!

THERE'S ONLY **ONE** WAY IT ***COULD*** BE... ***GIDDYAP!***
SHE'S RIDING **STRAIGHT** AT THAT BUILDING! SHE'LL BE ***KILLED!***
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THESE HOUSES WERE JUST ***FAKE CARDBOARD FRONTS!***
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
ONCE I BULLDOGGED A STEER LIKE THIS IN TWELVE **SECONDS!**
BANG!
RECKON ***YOU*** WON'T TAKE ***THAT*** LONG!
CRACK!
WHICH OF YOU WANTS TO BE ***FIRST*** TO MOVE INTO THE "**MODEL**" TOWN OF STARLING WELLS? HERE'S THE MAN WHO BUILT IT—***OF CARDBOARD!***
WE'VE BEEN ***TRICKED!***
TOO BAD, GENTLEMEN, THAT I CAN'T STAY TO **REFUND** YOUR MONEY! BUT I'VE GOT A **PRESSING** ENGAGEMENT—***ELSEWHERE!***

THE MEN-FOLK SEEM A MITE **CONFUSED!**
I FIGGER IT'S UP TO A ***WOMAN*** TO SHOW 'EM ***HOW*** IT'S DONE!
BAM!
I LANDED YOUR **FISH** FOR YOU! A REAL, LIVE SUCKER!
ANNIE, YOU'RE ***TERRIFIC!***
HERE'S THE MONEY JOSIAH CLEEK SWINDLED— **ALL INTACT!** THE TOWNSFOLK CAN REDEEM THEIR SHARES, **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR!**
LATER...
ADIOS! **DON'T** BUY ANY MORE **CARDBOARD** TOWNS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT **THAT!** JOSIAH CLEEK AND THE MAN WHO DESIGNED THOSE PROPS FOR HIM ARE GONNA GET PLENTY OF TIME IN **JAIL** TO THINK OVER THEIR **MISTAKE!**
JUST ***ONE*** DETAIL I CAN'T FIGGER OUT, SLIM! AFTER **ALL** THE TOWNSFOLK WERE PAID OFF, THERE WAS ***STILL*** A HUNDRED DOLLARS IN GOLD LEFT!
RECKON I MIGHT AS WELL ***CONFESS,*** ANNIE!
AFTER YOU LEFT, I GOT TO LISTENIN' TO THAT JOSIAH CLEEK FELLER! HE SOUNDED ***SO*** CONVINCIN' ***I*** BOUGHT A **FEW** SHARES IN HIS TWO-FACED TOWN!
HA-HA! HERE'S YOUR MONEY, SLIM! AND I **DON'T** WANT TO HEAR ANY ARGUMENTS NOW ABOUT WHETHER A **WOMAN'S** AS **SMART** AS ANY **MAN!**
THE END



THE PAYOFF

IT wasn't the first time "Spider" had pulled a holdup. Yet he was as nervous as if he were an amateur. It was the same every time.

He stood quietly in the darkness of the alley, a lead pipe clutched in his sweating right hand, his breath hissing quietly from tight lips, and his ears attuned to the slightest noise on the street.

A light breeze stirred the papers in the darkness behind him. He whirled and raised the pipe protectively. A slight grin spread across his lean face at his own nervousness. He relaxed and turned the worn collar of his suit coat up around his neck. He shivered. In a few weeks the wind would be cold and the snow flying. He had to make a quick haul and buy a second-hand topcoat. And he needed money for a room and food. Six months in jail hadn't done him any good physically.

Suddenly "Spider" tensed as he heard the sound of footsteps. He chanced a quick look into the dimly lit street. Halfway down the block a man approached a street light and passed it, coming in "Spider's" direction. He wore a soft brown hat and a tan topcoat.

"Spider" pulled his head back in and clung close to the wall. The man came up to the alley entrance and passed it. "Spider" held his breath, stepped out in back of the man, swung the piece of pipe. As it whistled through the air the man turned his head in surprise just as the back of his head was smashed in. Before his victim had hit the pavement "Spider" grabbed his coat collar and dragged him into the alley.

The man was breathing faintly, but "Spider" hardly noticed as his hands deftly searched each pocket. He plucked the wallet from the man's coat and transferred its contents to his own pants pocket, dropping the empty leather on the ground as he hurriedly got to his feet and started for the alley's rear exit. Then he stopped as a thought came to him. The man was about his own size and his clothes were of good make. It took no more than the thought to make "Spider" act. When he left the alley five minutes later, he was dressed in the man's suit, topcoat and hat. "Spider" dropped his clothes into an ash can several blocks from the scene of the robbery. He whistled as he made his way to the entrance of the downtown subway.

When he came above ground ten minutes later, he went into a restaurant and had the first good meal he had eaten in a week. Under cover of the table he counted his take. One hundred sixty-seven dollars. Not enough to retire on, by any means, but it would insure his living well for a few days. He felt so good he ordered a second piece of apple pie.

It was after two in the morning when he finally got himself a hotel room. It was the first time he had been able to afford a good bed since getting out of jail. He was tired, but before going to sleep there were things he had to do. He started with the hat by tearing out the name of the maker. Then he did the same with the suit coat and topcoat. He searched every pocket in the clothes, piling everything he found on top of the bedside table.

He came across the letters in the pocket of the topcoat!

The first envelope bulged slightly, and "Spider" poked his finger inside and drew out a public locker key and a note. He read the scribbled message with a glance.

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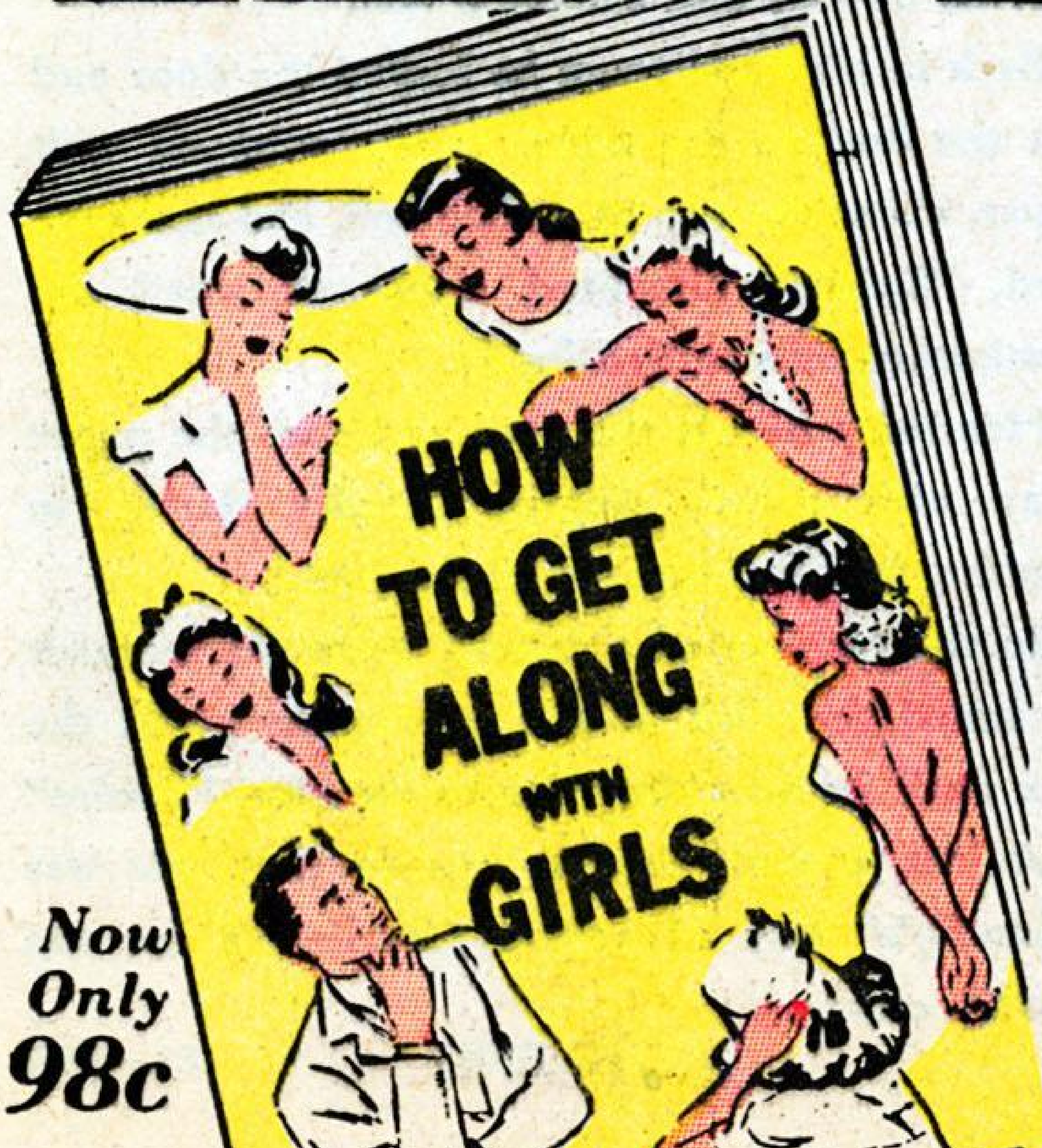
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The key was number 279.

The second envelope contained a tailoring bill for a hundred and twenty-five dollar suit. "Spider" looked at the name at the top of the bill. Charles Orff. He started to throw the envelope and the rest of the junk on the table. Then he stopped. He looked at the name again.

Charles Orff! Charlie Orff. There could be only one Charlie Orff. One-time gangland boss, now jewelry thief.

"Spider" mopped his forehead and, on shaky legs, walked to the door to make sure it was locked. He pulled the window shades down. Then he sat on the edge of the bed.

He wondered if this were *the* Charlie Orff. He had never seen the famous crook but he'd heard plenty about him.

In fact, the boys "who knew" were whispering that Orff had had his hand in the Duggan Jewelry Store robbery about a month ago. There had also been talk before the Duggan job that Orff was on the outs with his partner, "Knocky" Teel. "Knocky" had accused Orff of holding out when it came to cutting up shares of a job. Orff had managed to talk his way out of this, but "Knocky" had made a point of handling the Duggan job himself. "Knocky" had also been telling how he would get even with Orff some day.

But this wasn't what was worrying "Spider" at the moment. After the first fright had passed off he started to feel a sudden elation. He reread the note. "Your package" could easily mean "your cut"—Orff's cut on the Duggan job. The stuff had been worth a half million dollars which would mean at least a two-way split of one hundred thousand dollars. "Knocky" had most likely arranged to leave Orff's money in a public locker and send the key to his partner. There was only one way to find out.

"Spider" figured the time was about three o'clock—too early to go to the station. Too much chance of being recognized by train detectives. He would have to wait until about six-thirty when commuters flooded the building. He lay back on the bed, his hands under his head and a cigarette drooping from his lips. Fifty thousand dollars, maybe. At least twenty-five. His thoughts flashed back to Orff in the alley. He grinned. With the swat he had given Orff the man would be out for some time—perhaps a long, long time—with concussion. Perhaps he was dead. Either way the big-shot would never be able to get in touch with "Knocky" to have the locker watched.

At exactly six-thirty "Spider" entered the huge railroad station. Early travelers were filling the place already. He strolled casually about on gate level checking lockers for number 279. He found it at the very end of a row. He passed it, went up a flight of stairs to the street, waited five minutes and came inside again. This time when he walked he dragged his left leg behind him as though it were stiff. He stopped at the head of the flight of stairs. He could see the locker. Looking around he spotted a shoeshine boy and called him over.

"Wanna earn two-bits, kid?" The boy nodded his head eagerly. "I can't get down these stairs with my bum leg. If ya get a package out of this locker, I'll give ya two-bits." He handed the boy the key. He watched him go to the locker, open it and remove a package. No one seemed interested in the kid, but it didn't pay to be careless, "Spider" knew, just in case there was an "eye" standing around watching the box. When the boy returned, "Spider" gave him a quarter, hurried outside and caught a taxi.

Back in his hotel room he locked the door and put the box on the table. It was wrapped with paper, about the size of a shoe box, and tied with cord. "Spider" visualized stacks of small denomination bills stuffed inside.

Hurriedly he cut the cord and tore the paper away with greedy fingers. Hardly daring to breathe, he lifted the lid of the box.

In the fraction of a second, from the moment he heard the click of the mechanism inside the box until he was blasted into eternity, "Spider" had just enough time to realize that this was "Knocky's" way of paying Charlie off for the double cross.

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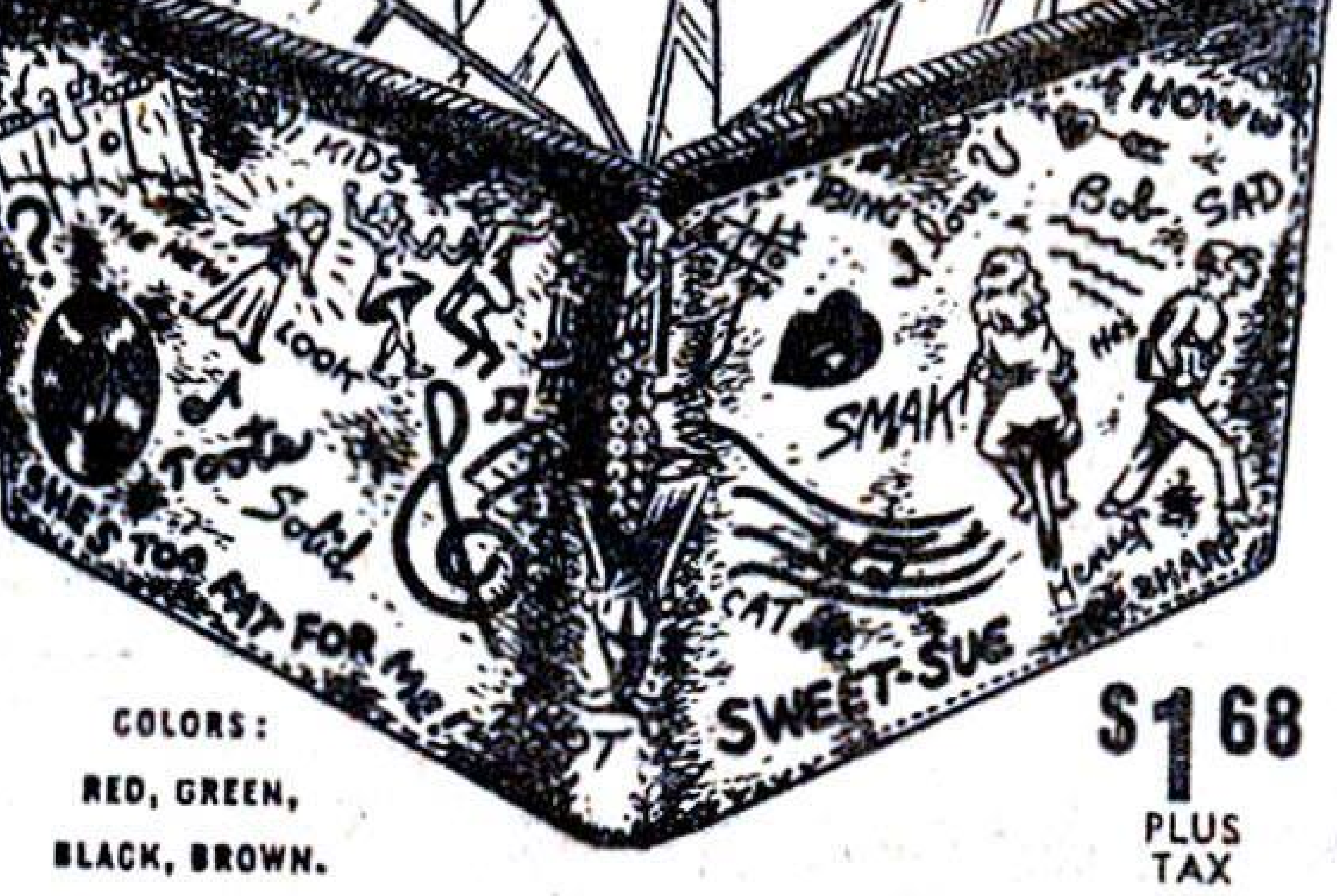

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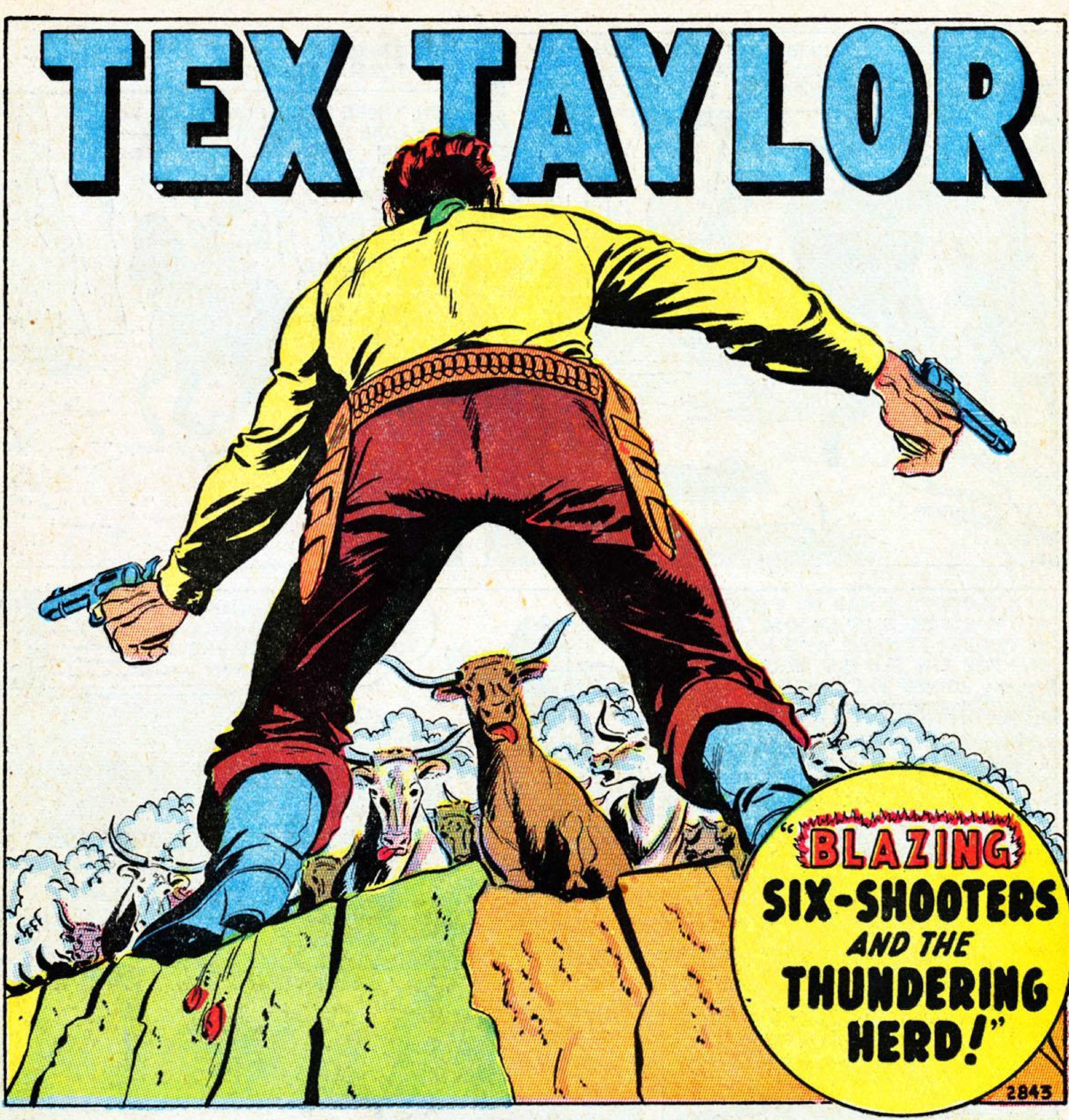
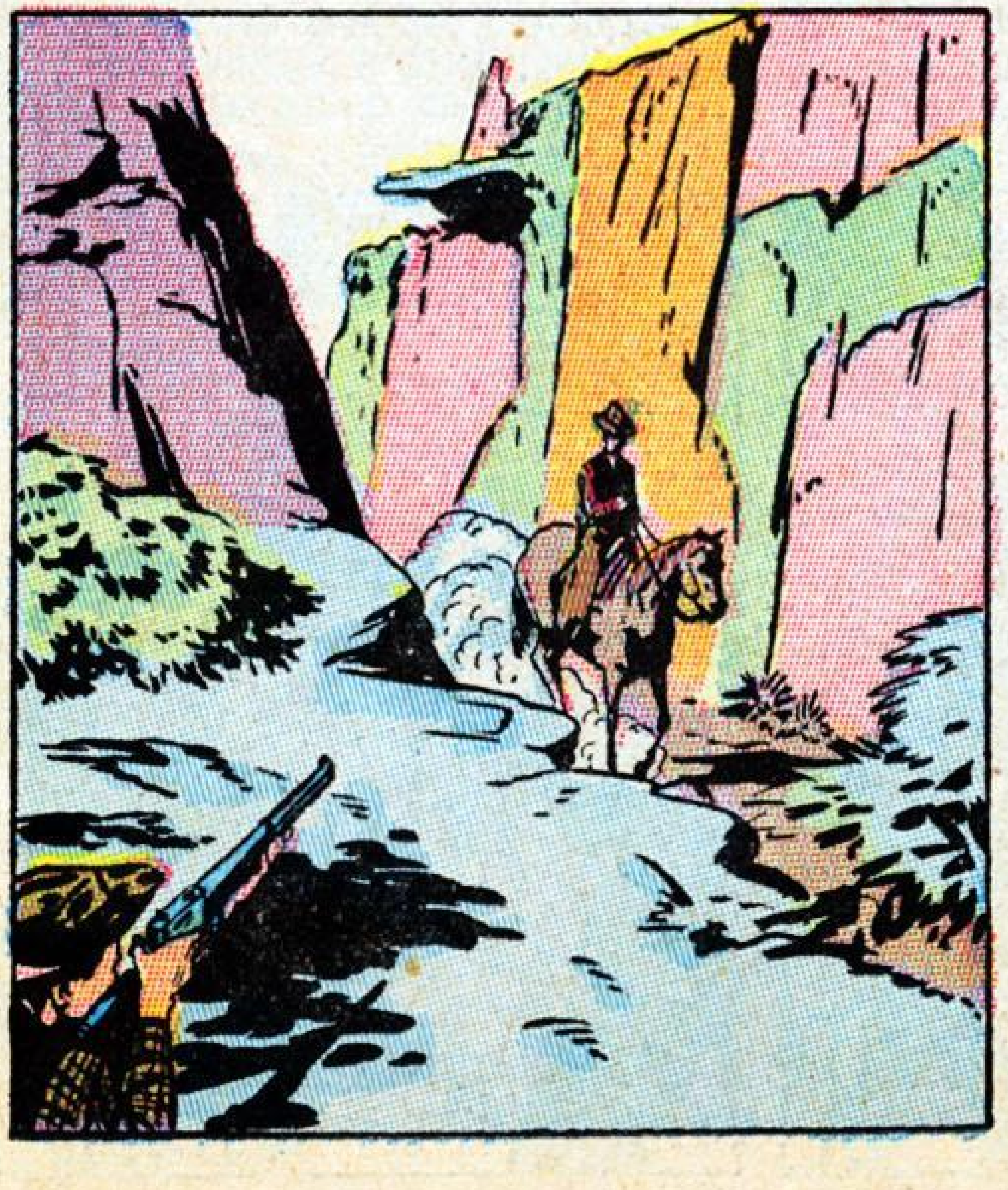
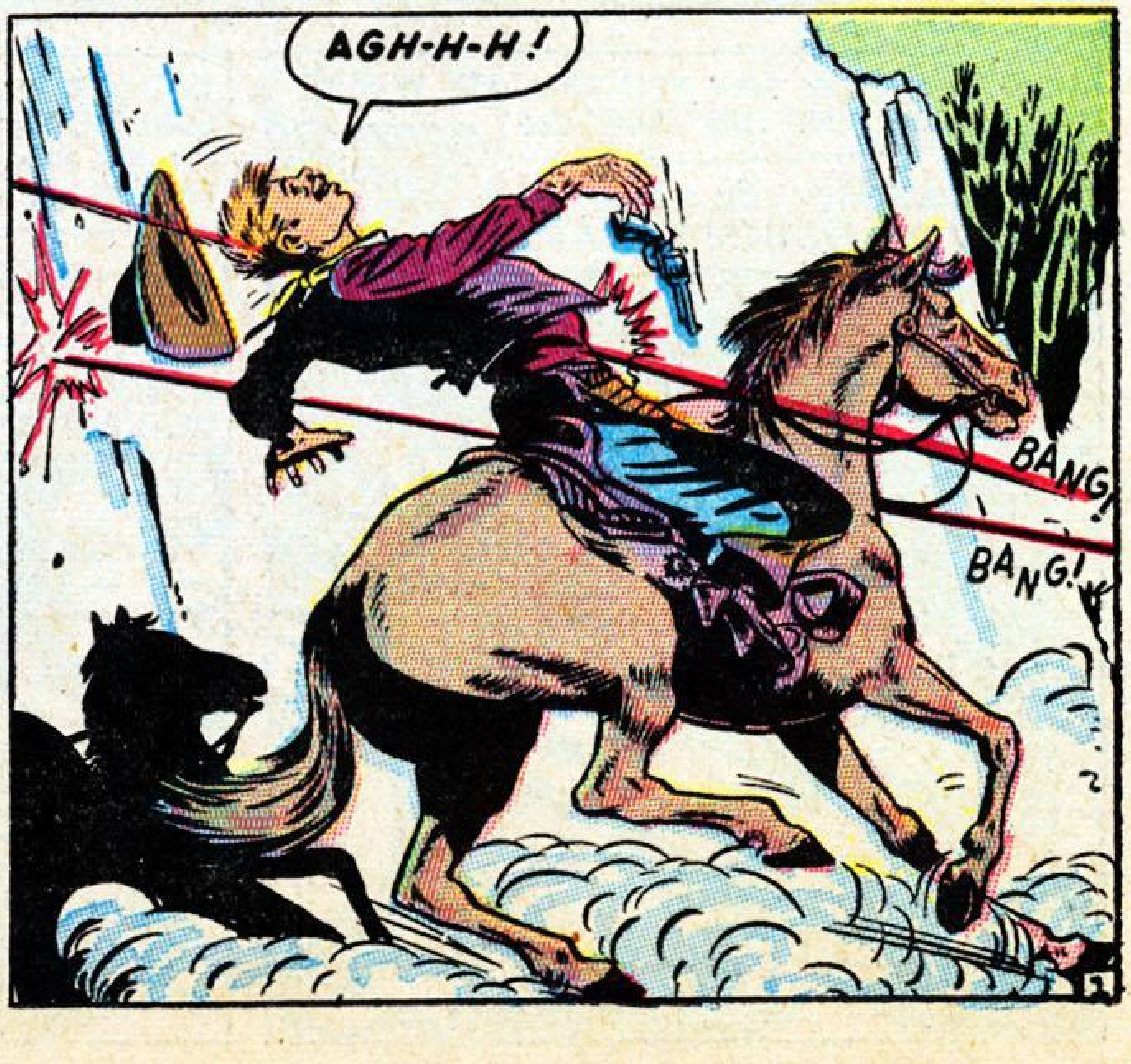
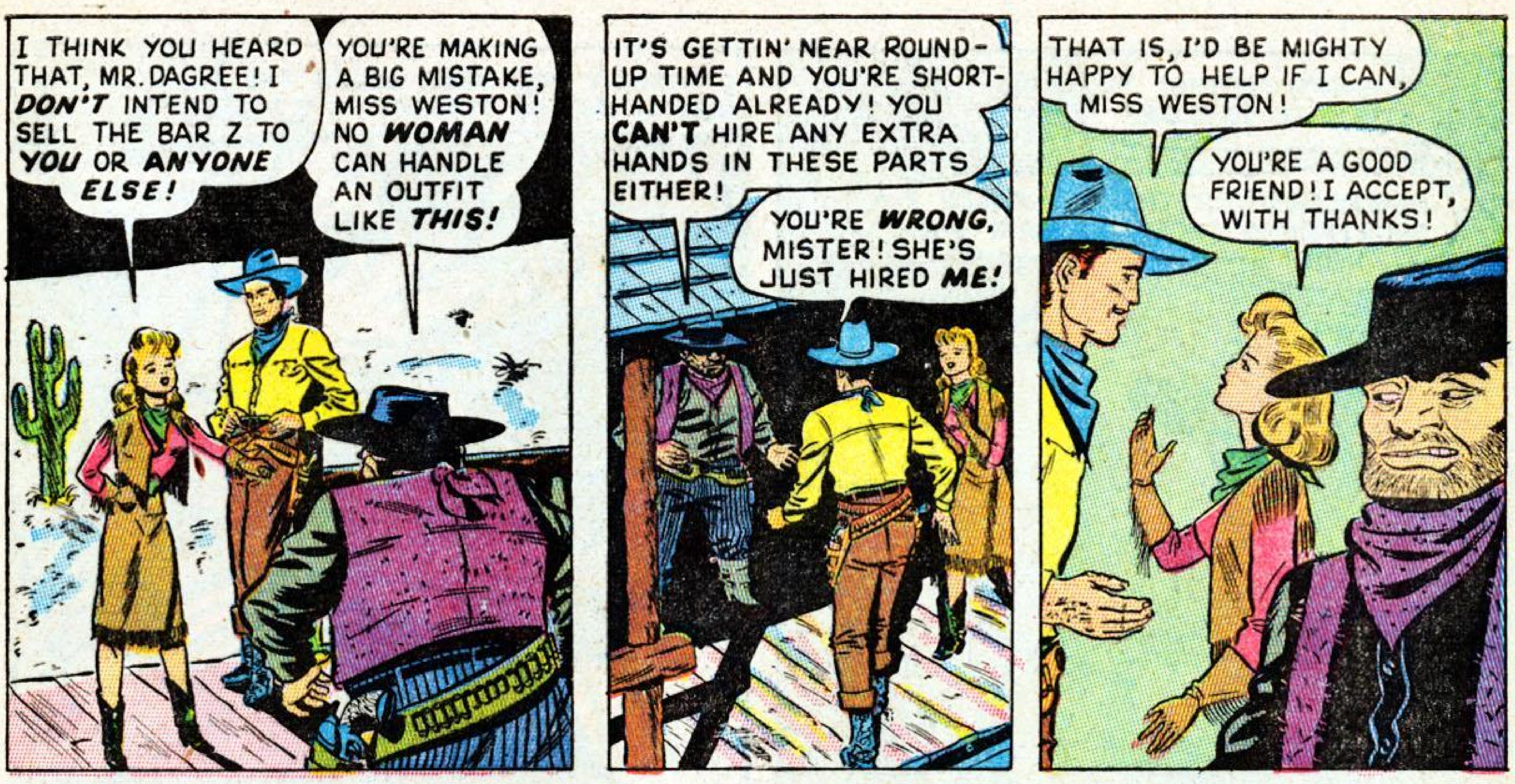


ON THIS DAY, JIM WESTON RODE TO HIS DEATH!

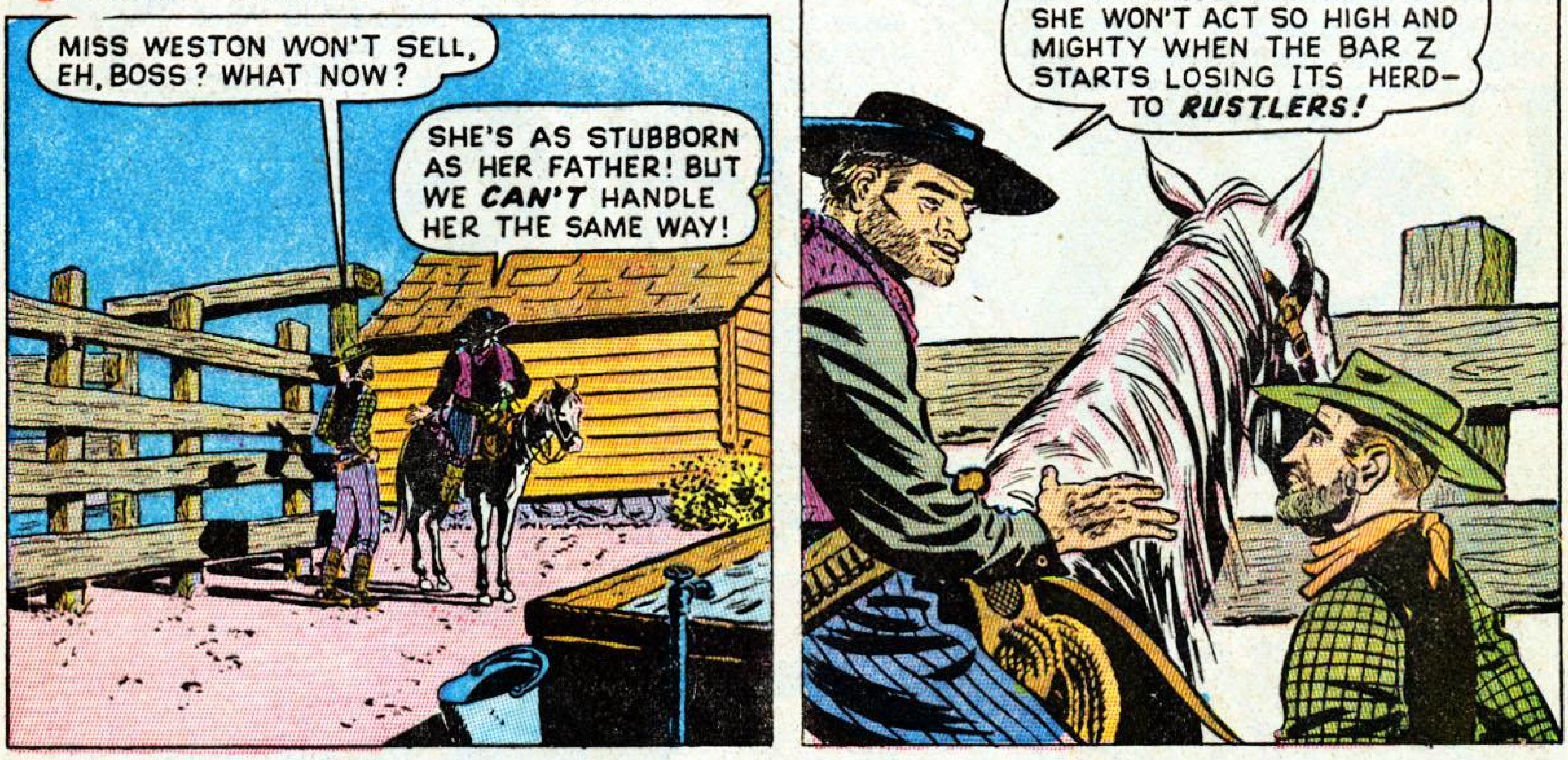



AGH-H-H!
BANG!
BANG!

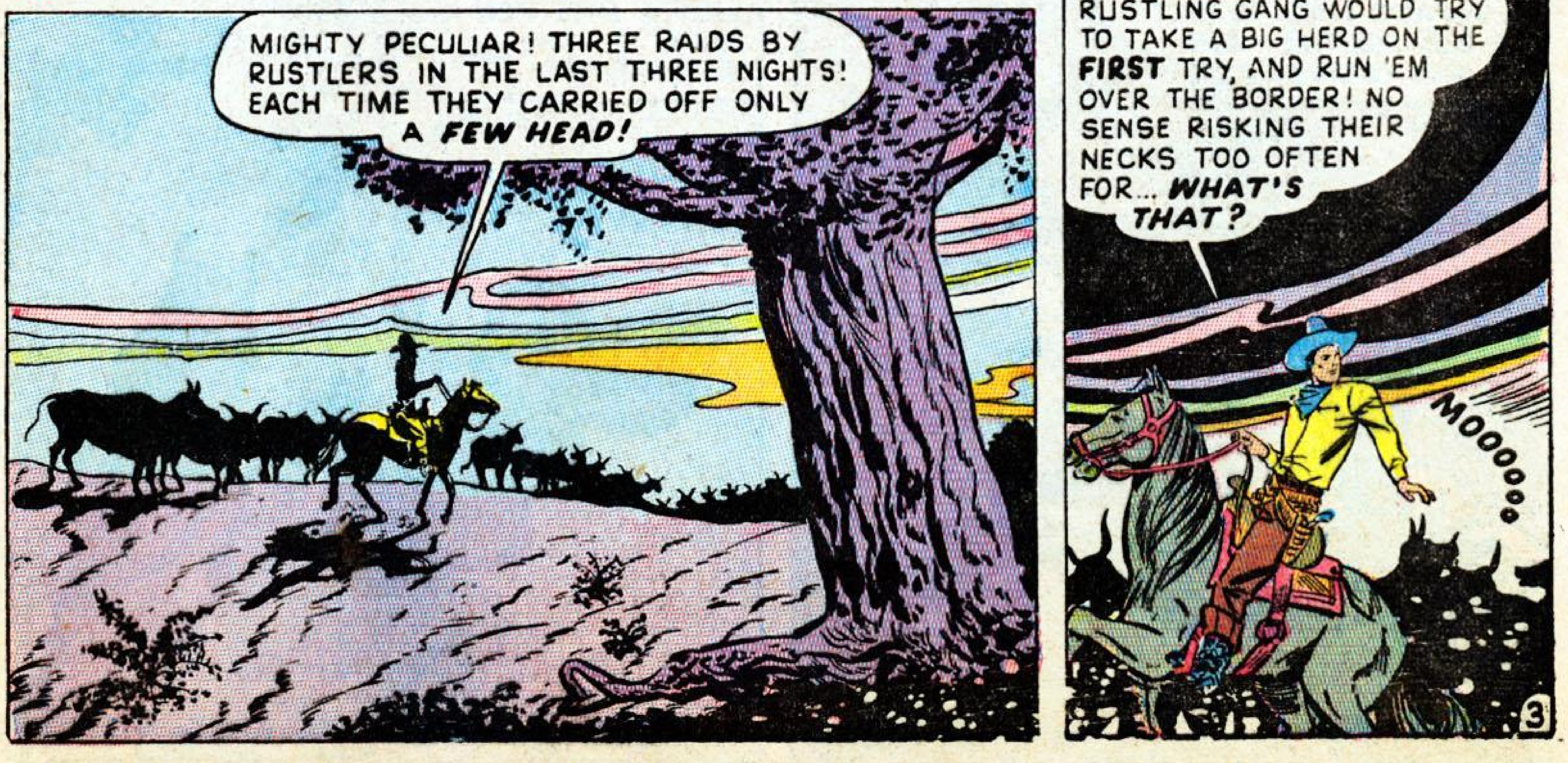
A PLUMB NEAT PIECE OF DRY GULCHING IF I SAY SO MYSELF! THE BOSS WILL BE PLEASED!
SOMETIME LATER, AS TEX TAYLOR NEARS THE TOWN OF SHORTHORN...
OH, THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE THE ♪ LONE STAR STATE ♫ TEXAS LAND, I THINK YOU'RE ♪ GREAT... ♫
YES, SIREE! IF I HAD MY CHOICE OF ALL THE WORLD, I'D CHOOSE TO LIVE IN TEXAS! IT SURE WAS A LUCKY DAY FOR THE OLD U.S. WHEN TEXAS JOINED THE UNION!
THERE'S JIM WESTON'S BAR Z RANCH! I RECKON HE'LL BE GLAD TO SEE AN OLD FRIEND AND FELLOW TEXAN!
BAR-Z RANCH
U.S.
HOWDY, MA'AM! CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE TO FIND JIM WESTON?
I-I'M AFRAID YOU CAME TOO LATE! MY FATHER'S DEAD!
GOLLY, MA'AM! I'M SURE SORRY TO HEAR IT! JIM WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE!
H-HE WAS DRY GULCHED A WEEK AGO YESTERDAY! NOBODY KNOWS WHO DID IT!
YOU MUST BE HIS DAUGHTER, PAULINE! WHO'S GOING TO RUN THE BAR Z RANCH, NOW HE'S GONE?
I AM!


I THINK YOU HEARD THAT, MR. DAGREE! I ***DON'T*** INTEND TO SELL THE BAR Z TO ***YOU*** OR ***ANYONE ELSE!***
YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE, MISS WESTON! NO ***WOMAN*** CAN HANDLE AN OUTFIT LIKE ***THIS!***
IT'S GETTIN' NEAR ROUND-UP TIME AND YOU'RE SHORT-HANDED ALREADY! YOU ***CAN'T*** HIRE ANY EXTRA HANDS IN THESE PARTS EITHER!
YOU'RE ***WRONG***, MISTER! SHE'S JUST HIRED ***ME!***
THAT IS, I'D BE MIGHTY HAPPY TO HELP IF I CAN, MISS WESTON!
YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND! I ACCEPT, WITH THANKS!

THE BAR Z CORRAL... LATER THAT NIGHT...

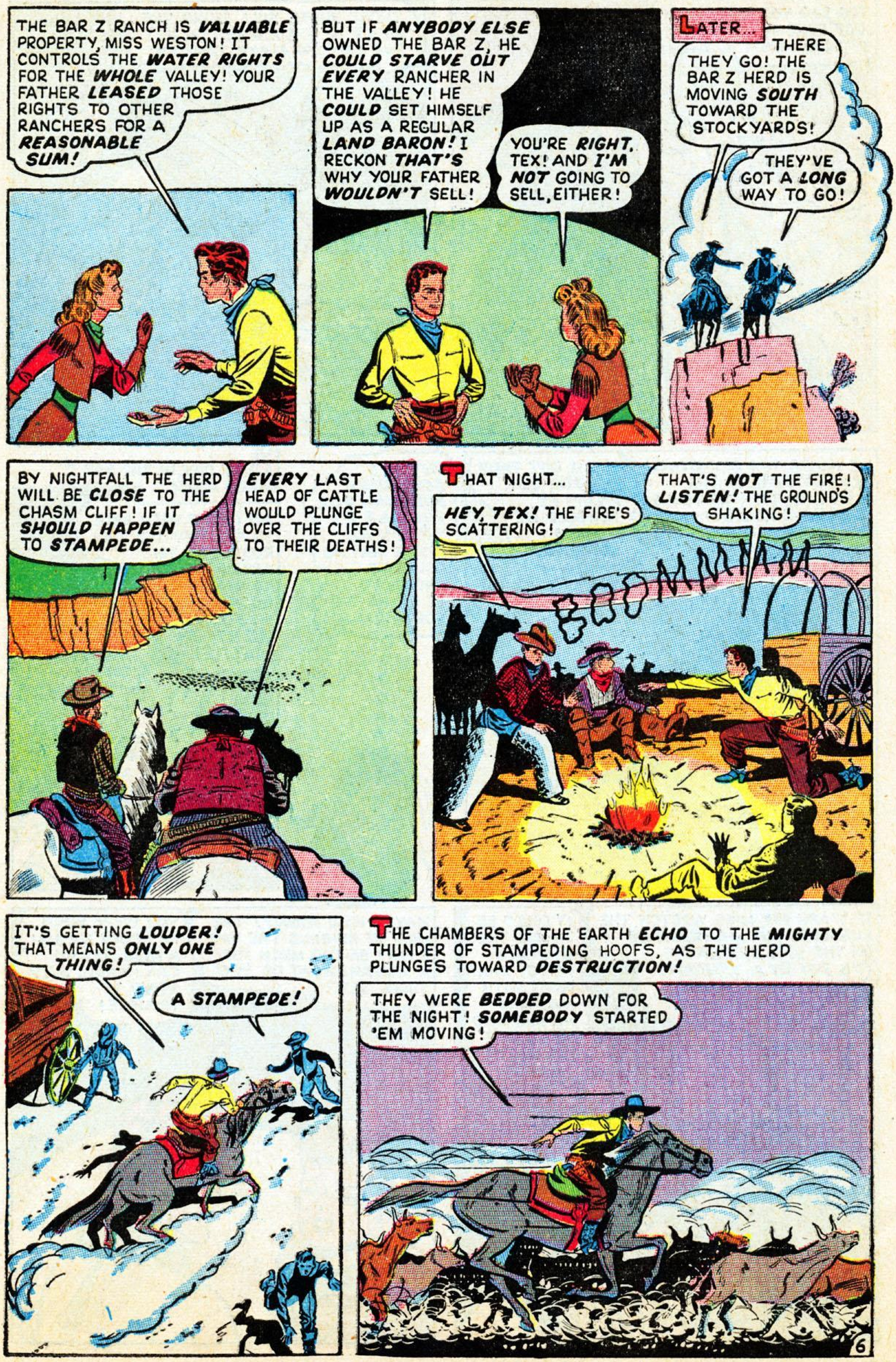

MISS WESTON WON'T SELL, EH, BOSS? WHAT NOW?
SHE'S AS STUBBORN AS HER FATHER! BUT WE ***CAN'T*** HANDLE HER THE SAME WAY!
WE'LL ***FORCE*** HER TO SELL! SHE WON'T ACT SO HIGH AND MIGHTY WHEN THE BAR Z STARTS LOSING ITS HERD—TO ***RUSTLERS!***

SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, AS TEX TAYLOR IS RIDING HERD...


MIGHTY PECULIAR! THREE RAIDS BY RUSTLERS IN THE LAST THREE NIGHTS! EACH TIME THEY CARRIED OFF ONLY A ***FEW HEAD!***
'PEARS TO ME ANY ***SMART*** RUSTLING GANG WOULD TRY TO TAKE A BIG HERD ON THE ***FIRST*** TRY, AND RUN 'EM OVER THE BORDER! NO SENSE RISKING THEIR NECKS TOO OFTEN FOR... ***WHAT'S THAT?***
MOOOOOO

JUMPIN' CACTUS! IT'S TEX TAYLOR!
RUSTLERS! CUTTING OUT PRIZE SHORTHORNS FROM THE MAIN HERD!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE RIDING THE NORTH RANGE TONIGHT!
CHANGED MY PLANS!
AND NOW I'M GOING TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS CONSIDERABLE!
HOW LONG DID YOU RUSTLERS THINK YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH IT?
BAM!
A BULLET IN YOUR TEETH WILL STOP YOUR TALKIN'!
BANG
US TEXANS LIKE TO SHOOT OFF OUR MOUTHS — AND OUR SIX-GUNS!
BAM! BAM! BAM!
JUST A MITE TOO SLOW ON THE DRAW, PARDNER!
BAM!
OHHHH!
BANG!

TOO BAD YOU **HAVEN'T** GOT EYES IN THE **BACK** OF YOUR HEAD!
WHAM!
OWW!
THOSE SHOTS WILL BRING THE **REST** OF THEM DOWN ON US! I'VE **GOT TO MAKE TRACKS!**
WE HEARD THE **SHOOTING!** YOU GOT **TWO** OF THE RUSTLERS, TEX! WE FOUND 'EM LYING NEARBY!
YES'M, BUT THEIR **LEADER** GOT AWAY! HE SLUGGED ME FROM **BEHIND!**
BUT HE'S **SOMEBODY WORKING FOR THE BAR Z!** THERE'S **NO** OTHER WAY HE COULD'VE **KNOWN** I'D BE RIDING THE NORTH RANGE!
NEXT DAY, IN THE BAR Z RANCH HOUSE...
NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE TWO RUSTLERS! I'M AFRAID WE'RE NO NEARER TO SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF OUR STOLEN CATTLE!
HMMM! THE **FOREMAN'S** WEARING A **BANDAGE** ON HIS JAW!
IF Y'ASK **ME**, MISS WESTON, THE RUSTLERS ARE **GANGING UP** ON THE BAR Z, BECAUSE IT'S RUN BY A **WOMAN!** THEY WOULDN'T **DARE** TRY IT IF YOU SOLD OUT TO DAGREE!
IT COULD BE TO HIDE THE **BRUISES** HE GOT IN A FIGHT WITH **ME!** AND **HE** ASSIGNED ME TO RIDE THE NORTH RANGE!
MAYBE HE'S **RIGHT!** THE **JOB** OF RUNNING THE BAR Z MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR A WOMAN! WHAT DO **YOU** THINK, TEX?
YOU WERE BORN IN TEXAS, MA'AM! A **REAL** TEXAN CAN HANDLE **ANY KIND** OF TROUBLE!


THE BAR Z RANCH IS VALUABLE PROPERTY, MISS WESTON! IT CONTROLS THE WATER RIGHTS FOR THE WHOLE VALLEY! YOUR FATHER LEASED THOSE RIGHTS TO OTHER RANCHERS FOR A REASONABLE SUM!
BUT IF ANYBODY ELSE OWNED THE BAR Z, HE COULD STARVE OUT EVERY RANCHER IN THE VALLEY! HE COULD SET HIMSELF UP AS A REGULAR LAND BARON! I RECKON THAT'S WHY YOUR FATHER WOULDN'T SELL!
YOU'RE RIGHT, TEX! AND I'M NOT GOING TO SELL, EITHER!
LATER...
THERE THEY GO! THE BAR Z HERD IS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD THE STOCKYARDS!
THEY'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!
BY NIGHTFALL THE HERD WILL BE CLOSE TO THE CHASM CLIFF! IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO STAMPEDE...
EVERY LAST HEAD OF CATTLE WOULD PLUNGE OVER THE CLIFFS TO THEIR DEATHS!
THAT NIGHT...
HEY, TEX! THE FIRE'S SCATTERING!
THAT'S NOT THE FIRE! LISTEN! THE GROUND'S SHAKING!
BOOMMMM
IT'S GETTING LOUDER! THAT MEANS ONLY ONE THING!
A STAMPEDE!
THE CHAMBERS OF THE EARTH ECHO TO THE MIGHTY THUNDER OF STAMPEDING HOOFS, AS THE HERD PLUNGES TOWARD DESTRUCTION!
THEY WERE BEDDED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT! SOMEBODY STARTED 'EM MOVING!

NOW, IT'S A *PANIC!* JUST *ONE* WAY TO TURN 'EM!
I'VE GOT TO *DETOUR* THE *LEAD STEER!* TWIST THOSE HORNS, BABY!
A STAMPEDING HERD **ALWAYS** PLAYS *FOLLOW THE LEADER!* I'VE *GOT* TO LEAD 'EM **AWAY** FROM THE CLIFF!
MEANWHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...
THOSE DYNAMITE STICKS *SURE PANICKED* THE HERD! *NOBODY* HEARD THE EXPLOSIONS **THIS FAR** AWAY!
SUDDENLY!
THEY *OUGHTA* BE STAMPEDING OVER THE CLIFF BY NOW! BUT I *CAN STILL* HEAR 'EM MOVING! ALMOST SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE *QUIETING* DOWN!
I FIGURED *YOU'D* BE CLOSE BY! I FOUND THE CRATERS LEFT BY THE *DYNAMITE! THAT* TRICK *ALMOST* WORKED!
BUT I RECKON YOU'RE PLUMB *OUT* OF TRICKS *NOW!*
OWWW!
BAM!

MISS WESTON'S FOREMAN! I THOUGHT SO! YOU WERE THE CRITTER I TANGLED WITH BEFORE!
TH-THIS WASN'T MY IDEA!
SOMETIME LATER, AT THE BAR Z RANCH HOUSE...
THE BANK MUST INSIST ON GETTING ITS MONEY IMMEDIATELY, MISS WESTON! WE LENT YOU A CONSIDERABLE SUM AGAINST THE SALE OF YOUR HERD OF CATTLE!
IT'S BEING SOLD AT THE STOCKYARDS NOW! CAN'T YOU GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME?
I'M AFRAID NOT, MISS WESTON! YOUR AGENT WAS SUPPOSED TO RETURN WITH THE MONEY TWO DAYS AGO!
I'M WILLING TO HELP YOU OUT OF YOUR DIFFICULTY, MISS WESTON! I'LL BUY YOUR RANCH AT A REASONABLE PRICE! IF YOU WON'T SIGN THE BILL OF SALE, I'LL BUY THE BAR Z AT THE BANK'S FORECLOSURE PRICE!
DON'T SIGN THAT, MISS WESTON!
SHE KNOWS HER OWN MIND! STAY OUT OF THIS, TAYLOR!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO BUSTING YOUR JAW!
TEX! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?
OHH!
WHAM!
8
THERE'S YOUR HERD MONEY! I WAS SOMEWHAT DELAYED, MA'AM! I HAD TO DELIVER THE MAN WHO MURDERED YOUR FATHER TO THE SHERIFF, AND GET A WRITTEN CONFESSION THAT HE DID IT ON DAGREE'S ORDERS!
LATER...
GOOD-BY, TEX! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU! YOU SAVED THE BAR Z... AND HELPED TO PUNISH MY FATHER'S MURDERERS!
GLAD TO DO IT, MA'AM! MEN LIKE THAT ARE WORSE THAN PLAIN, ORDINARY KILLERS! THEY'RE A DISGRACE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS!
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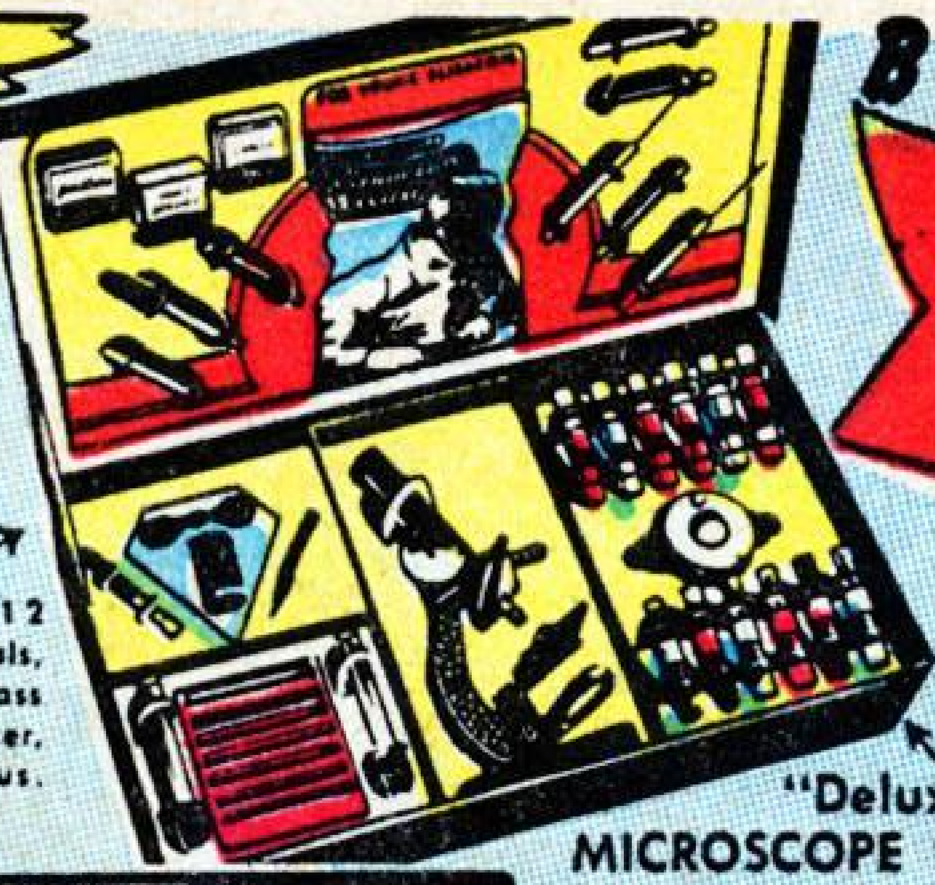

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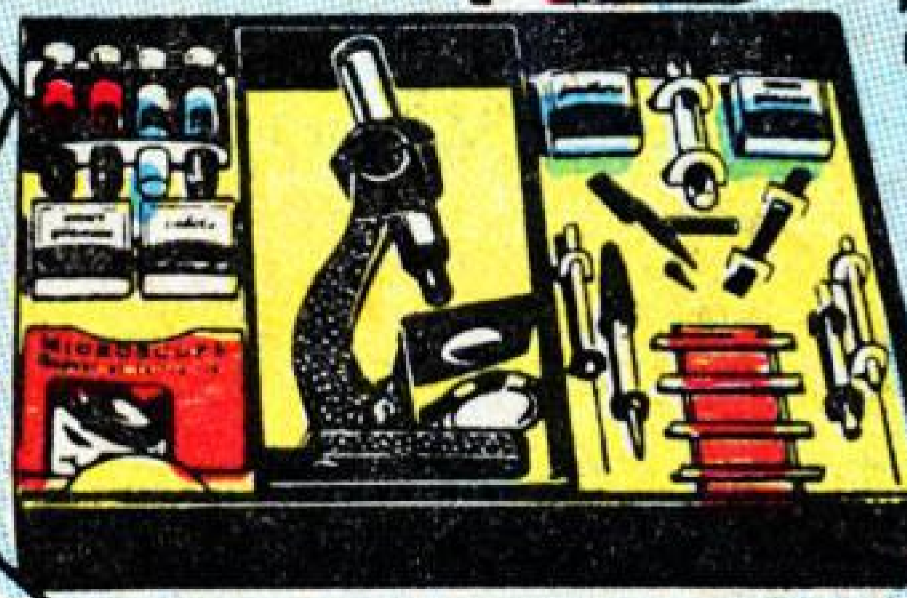

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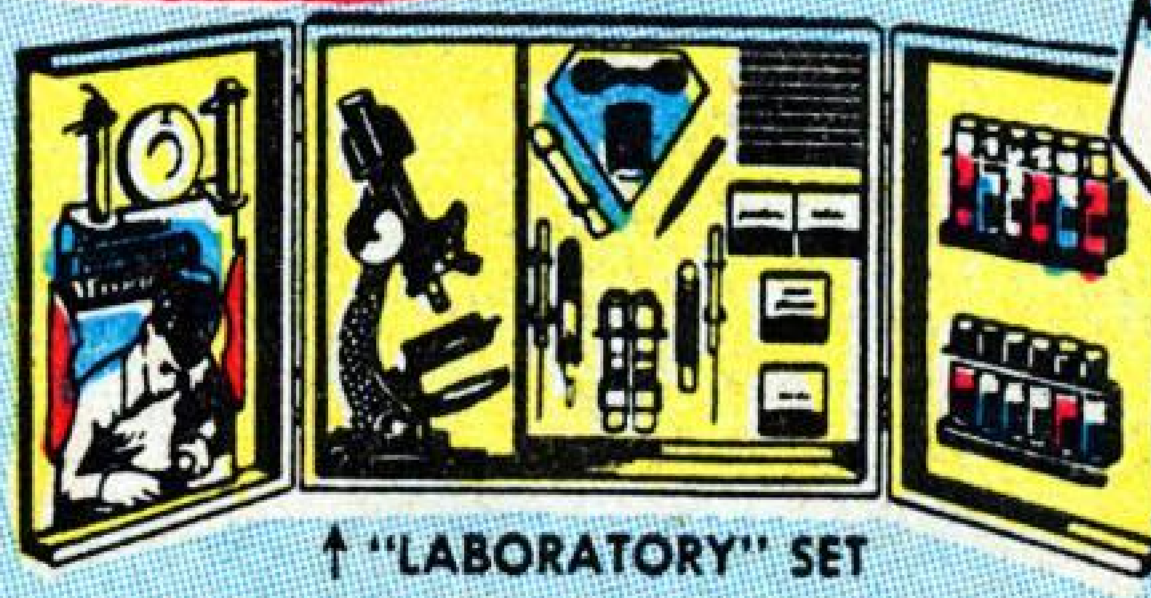

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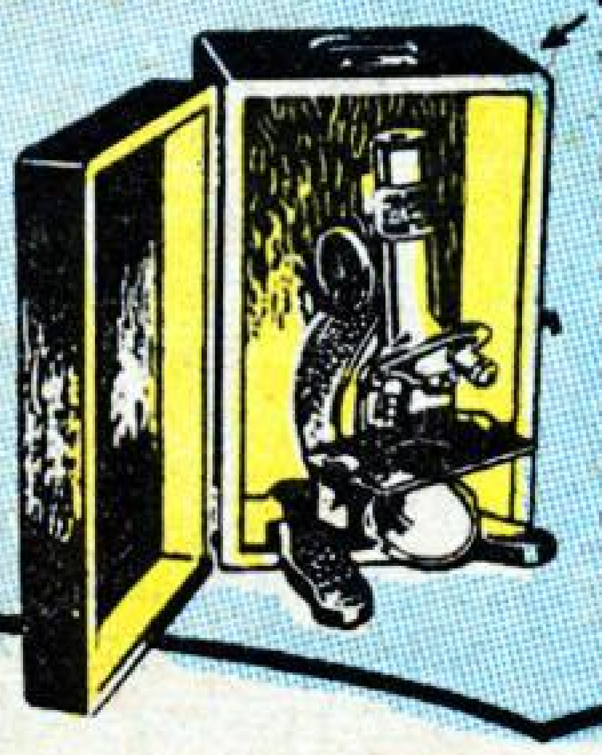

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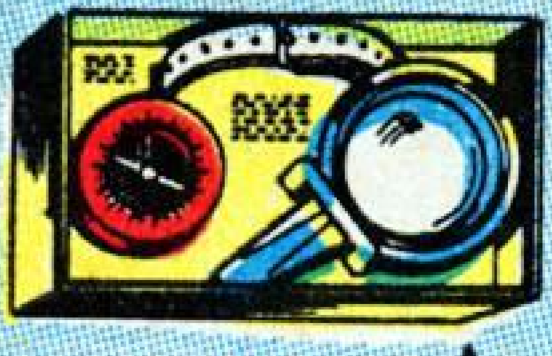

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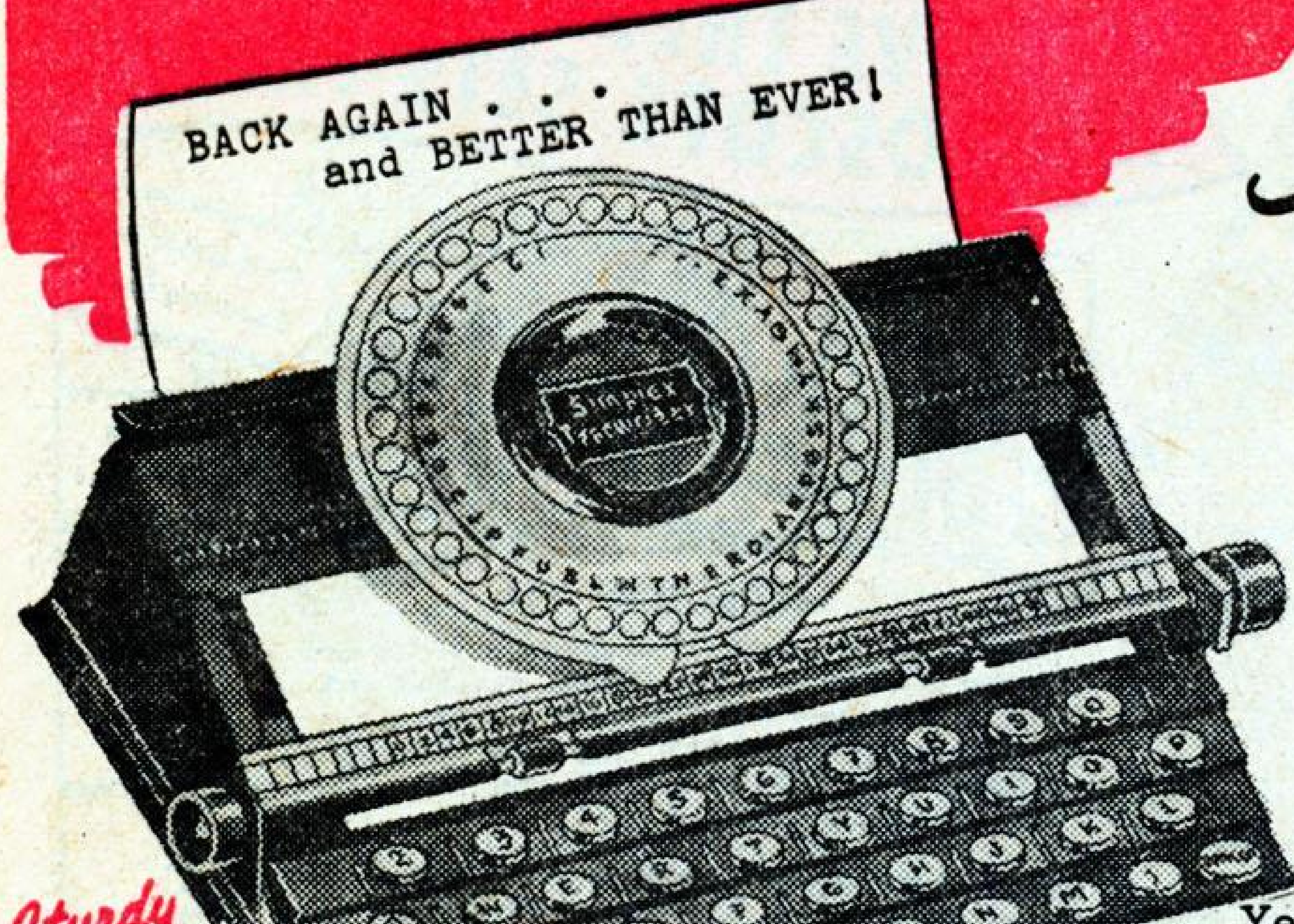

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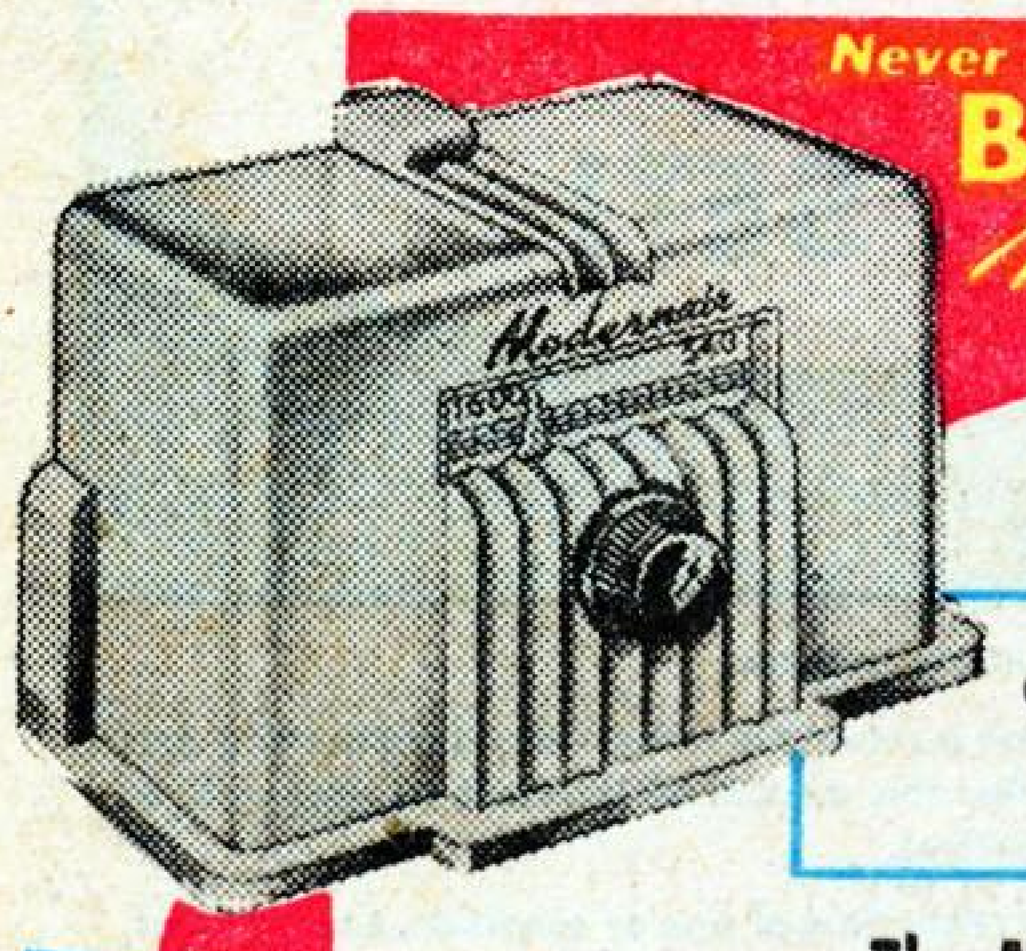

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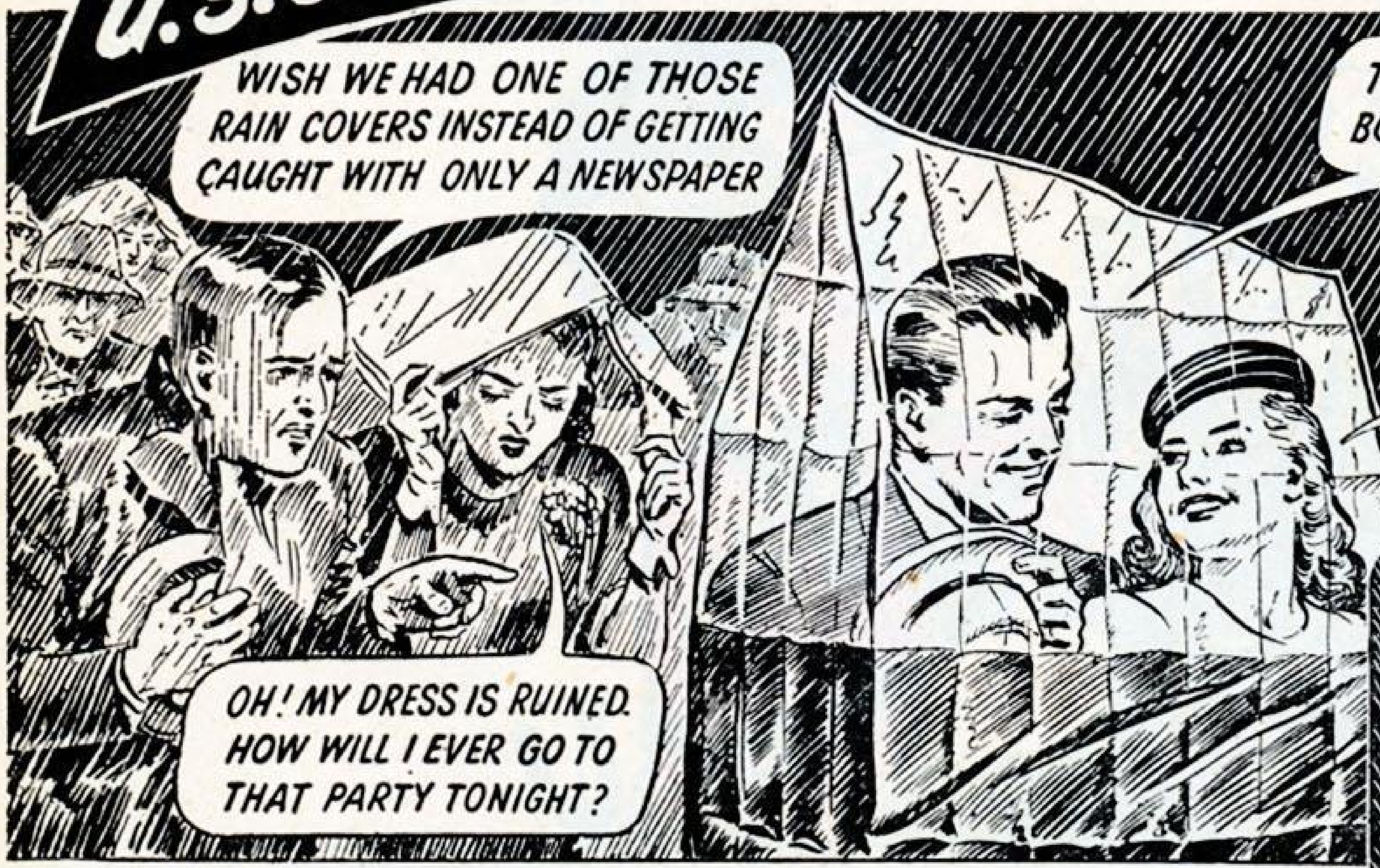
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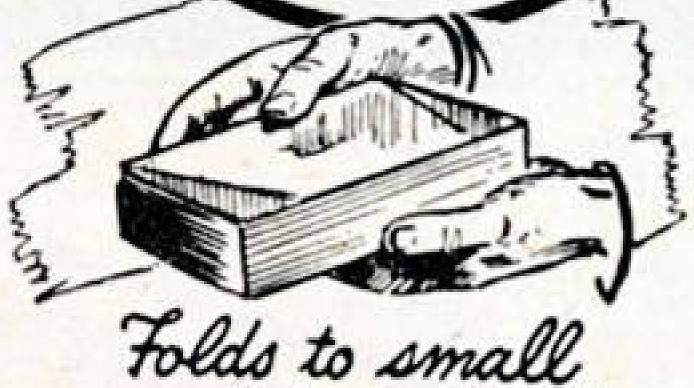

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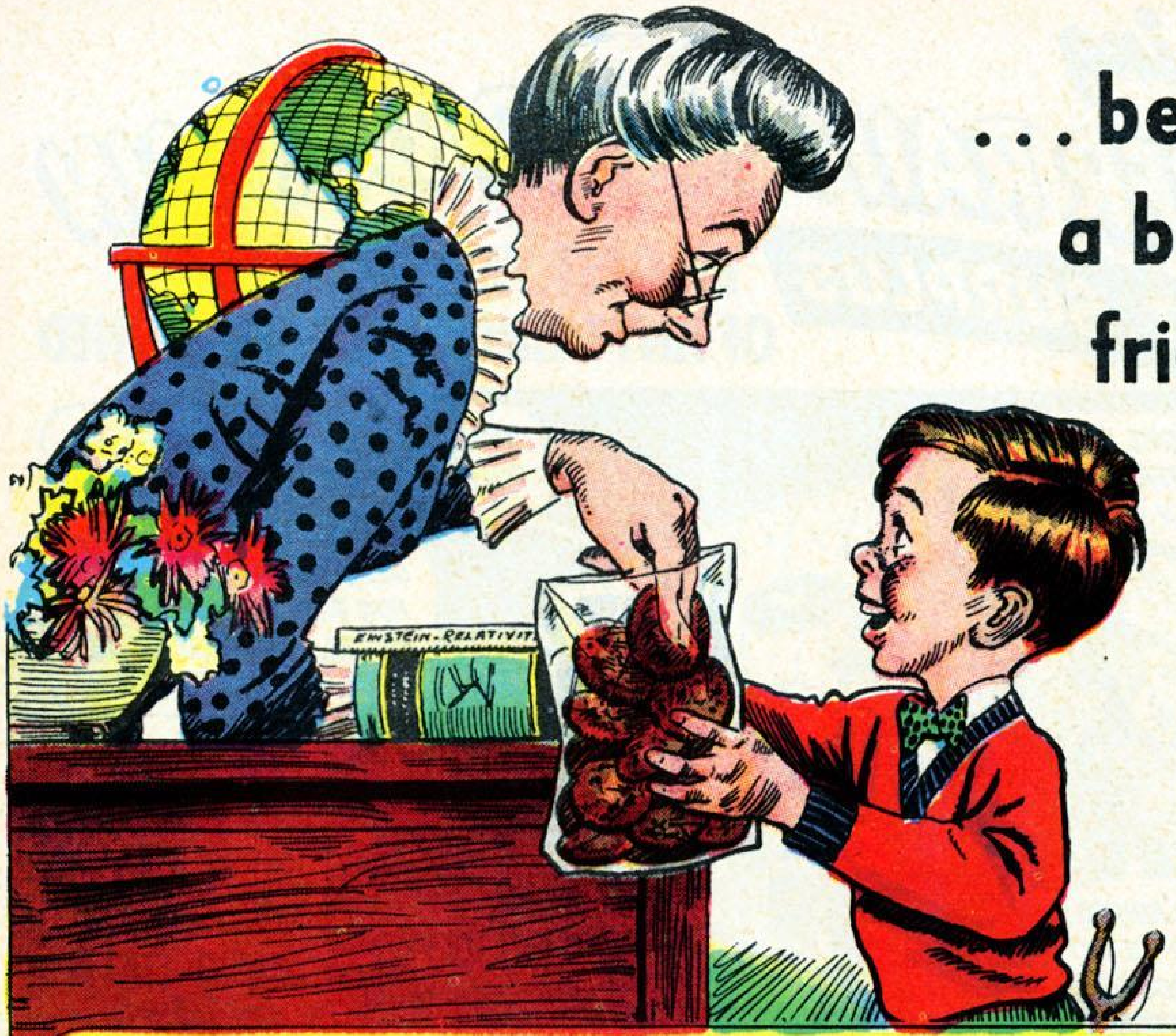

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